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BIRTH.

At 2, Mohawk Road, Shanghai, on the 13th February, 1900, the wife of GEORGE DALLAS, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

On the 13th January, at All Saints', Hove, by the Rev. H. Carter, M.A., Rector of Rarham, Suffolk, assisted by the Rev. T. Peacey, M.A., Vicar of Hove, FREDERICK CAREY BOUCH, youngest son of the late John Bouch, Esq., of Hickey, Kent, to ELLA, elder daughter of James Ross ANTON, Esq., late of Hongkong.

At H.B.M.'s Consulate, Shanghai, on the 17th February, GEORGE INGRAM, eldest son of G. J. Ingram, Glasgow, to MAGDALENE, eldest daughter of Superintendent W. QUINCEY, late Inspector of Police, Hongkong.

DEATHS.

On the 28th January, 1900, at H.B.M.'s Consulate, Tientsin, of scarlatina, TOM ASTON, fourth son of William Richard and Helen Maude CARLES, aged 4 years.

On the 19th February, at New Brighton, Liverpool, suddenly, Commander W. B. MAY, R.N., aged 41 years.

ARRIVALS OF MAILS.

The English mail of the 21st January arrived, per P. & O. steamer *Coromandel*, on the 17th February (28 days); the German mail of the 22nd January arrived, per N. D. L. steamer *Stuttgart*, on the 22nd February (31 days); and the American mail of the 24th January arrived, per P. M. steamer *China*, on the 22nd February (29 days).

EPITOME OF THE WEEK.

Newchwang has contributed over \$2,000 to the War Relief Fund.

A ladies' bazaar at Shanghai on behalf of the Shanghai Victoria Nursing Institute realised the sum of \$17,327.99.

To-day:—Tientsin to Peking. Three and a half hours by train, three dollars. Electric car, ten cents. Total \$3.10, 4 hours, plus comfort.—*Peking and Tientsin Times*.

Telegraphic news from Korea has been received that Mr. Pritchard Morgan's representatives assumed full control of the Unsan Mine, and commenced actual work on the 2nd instant.

Among the many rumours current in Manila regarding Aguinaldo's whereabouts, there is one to the effect that the Philippine leader has succeeded in reaching the island of Formosa.

Ten years ago:—Tientsin to Peking. Four days boat-travel to Tungchow, ten dollars. Tungchow to Peking over stone road, half day, one dollar and a broken rib. Total \$11.00, five days, with injuries thrown in.

According to the Shanghai native papers, Jung Lu, the generalissimo of the Northern Army, is going to concentrate all his forces for the purpose of giving protection to the Emperor and overthrowing Prince Cning and his associates.

It is stated that Mr. C. W. Campbell, of H.B.M.'s Shipping Office, Shanghai, has been ordered by Sir Claude MacDonald to proceed north immediately and visit the disturbed district and to be present at the trial of the murderers of Mr. Brooke.

The Ball at the British Legation, Peking, given recently is regarded as the greatest success of the kind that Peking has ever witnessed. Over twenty guests arrived from Tientsin. The dresses were unique, tasty, and elegant. The festivity was thoroughly enjoyed.

The announcement that Chinese professional gamblers would not be allowed at the Races this year has had the desired effect, the influx of visitors from Canton and Macao having been considerably diminished. In consequence there have been fewer disturbances than heretofore.

The Peking government has, according to the *Universal Gazette*, commanded an expectant Taotai, named Chin, to investigate into some secret and important matters at the southern islands. He arrived at Amoy at the end of last year and will proceed to the Philippine Islands and Singapore, etc., some time in the first moon.

Manila advices state that the new Commission from Washington has arrived at the Philippines. It is charged with the duty of reporting on the country and the means of establishing civil government there. The president is Mr. Tate, a well-known juriconsult of New York, and Messrs. Worcester and Deansby, of the previous Commission, will also serve on this.

It appears that owing to the fact that the plague is about stamped out in Japan, the thriving business carried on in the catching and killing of rats in Tokyo, Yokohama, Osaka, and Kobe, is at an end. During the time the authorities paid so much per head for rodents, over a quarter of a million were destroyed, representing an outlay by the Japanese government of about 12,500 yen.

At the annual meeting of the St. Patrick's Society, Shanghai, it was decided to transmit to the Patriotic Fund being raised in Dublin the sum of \$400 for the benefit of the widows and orphans of Irish soldiers killed in the Transvaal. Though a somewhat heavy call on the funds in hand, it was felt to be perfectly warranted in view of the object and the number of Irishmen in Shanghai and the outports.

A recent visitor to Peking has stated that an expression of approval by the Empress Dowager of the Boxers' work in Shantung was recently boldly posted in Peking, with an extra notice in red ink drawing special attention to it. An experienced foreigner in the capital stated that the notice was of a most unusual character.

Several changes have been made lately in the British consular service in China. Mr. Hurst has been transferred to Swatow and is succeeded at Hankow by Mr. E. H. Fraser. Mr. Wilkinson has gone to Ningpo, replacing Mr. Bennett, who is ordered to Yochou. Mr. Sundius goes to Nanking, and is replaced at Chefoo by Mr. Tratman.

The Chinese litter-bearer has proved himself a valuable help to the United States army in the busy days of the war in the Philippines, and he has demonstrated his usefulness in more ways than one. Over hills and mountains, across scorching valleys, enduring all hardships uncomplaining, immune to sickness and disease, never flagging, the Chinese coolie has kept up with the fastest marching columns. His only fault, it is said, is that he will loot.

The case of Umeseke, the quartermaster on the *Tamba Maru*, who assaulted Mr. Kent, fourth mate, came on for hearing in Yokohama on the 12th inst. Umeseke was sentenced to five days' detention, but he has appealed. Mr. Kent, who was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for striking Umeseke, and whose sentence on appeal was reduced to one of ten days' detention, went to the prison at Negishi on Thursday week, accompanied by two friends and a warder of the prison.

In spite of the fact that the budget of French Indo-China for the first seven months of last year showed a net surplus of \$781,037, and that the estimated surplus up to the commencement of September, 1899, was \$870,000, the figures do not appear to give much satisfaction to the colonists. The heavy duties on imports are considered to do more than outweigh the advantages of a large reserve fund, and the Governor's report has been stigmatised as an attempt at "throwing dust in the eyes" of the public.

The Russian ball and children's Fancy Dress ball came off at Newchwang on January 12th and 13th, and proved beyond doubt the biggest affairs of the kind that Newchwang has seen. The Russian military band of 16 instruments was imported from Port Arthur for the occasion, and ladies came in from all outlying stations even as far as Liao-yang. The band also played once at the club and once at the skating rink during its stay. The ball has taught the whole some lesson that the assembly rooms there are too small for the growing community.

A shallow draught steamer of 2,321 tons and another steamer of 583 tons, ordered by the Osaka Shosen Kaisha for its Yangtze service and by the Colliery Department of the Mitsui Bishi Company, respectively, are now in course of construction at the local Mitsui Bishi Shipbuilding Yard. The Dock authorities are also about to commence work on two ocean steamers (6,000 tons each), which have been ordered by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha for the Company's American Line. A Japanese paper learns that some 3,400 workmen are at present employed in the local Mitsui Bishi Dockyard and Engine Works.

AMERICA AND BRITISH COMMERCE IN CHINA.

(Daily Press, 20th February.)

Whatever opposition the Imperialist policy of the United States has met at home, abroad it has to a remarkable degree enhanced the consideration extended towards the government at Washington by the other Powers. No great glory, it is true, attaches to the contest now going on in the Philippines, but the fact that the States have proved themselves prepared to undertake a conquest in Asia has shown the spirit now actuating their people, and that the seventy millions of the States are a factor which cannot be neglected in the near future. While then the United States may well congratulate themselves and Mr. HAY on the successful diplomacy which has induced the Great Powers to sign a self-denying 'guarantee' with regard to their action in China, it is none the less true that the real factor in the case was the respect which is commanded by seventy millions of people who are determined that their voice should be heard. When therefore England was the first of the European Powers to sign, there was a persuasive influence which even so Ishmaelitic a nation as France could scarcely find it in her heart to resist. Still, even with this suggestive background, there is much in Mr. HAY's handiwork to admire. The guarantee is not general. The States do not affect to stand before the world as disinterested Guardians of the "Open Door"; the attitude is more practical, and takes the form of a demand that, come what may, the rights of Americans under the treaties with China are to be guaranteed by the Powers and American citizens to be placed on the same footing as subjects of Powers enjoying fields of influence, with no discriminations as regards taxes, port dues, tariffs, railways, or in any other form. The exceptions are noteworthy, consisting of territory ceded, as Hongkong, or purely naval depots, as Port Arthur; but in all other territory controlled by any Power equality must prevail. It will be readily recognised from this that America now stands in China in an unique position, although the Powers have sought to diminish the moral effect by proclaiming for all other states perfect equality and a favoured nation clause to protect themselves. Still the United States stand as a nation possessing rights in China, and those rights, it is easy to see in the present temper of the United States, are not likely to be permitted to remain a dead letter. We saw an instance of the firm grip that America has taken in the Far East in the arrangements about the Nicaragua Canal to which we referred the other day. The matter of a canal through the Isthmus, whether Panama or Nicaragua should eventually be selected, is practically left in the hands of the United States. It will no longer be a question between the nations. England has formally withdrawn, and France since the collapse of De Lesseps's scheme has been practically out of the running. The Washington Government is pledged to the country at large, and no leader of either of the two great parties could afford to let the project lapse. Similarly, however distasteful to the President may be the opening of China, it has passed the limits of party and has been taken up by the people at large, and Mr. HAY but voices the opinion of the country in his demand for the recognition of the claim of the United States to equal rights. That these new developments cannot fail to have an important bearing on British trade and British influence are facts not to be denied, and however complacently we may agree to

them, it yet behoves us to recognise that we require all our vigilance. American trade with China or elsewhere is by no means inconsistent with English interests; even with the selfish restrictions of an ultra-protective policy our commerce has practically benefitted by a better understanding. As we pointed out before, the development of trade with America will in many particulars alter the centre of gravity. It will undoubtedly render competition in many staple industries difficult or even impossible, while in others it will doubtless afford opportunities of indefinite development. Politically there is so much in common between the two nations that we can look with complacency on a further development of American interests. England has a vast empire, but it is as yet to a large extent undeveloped. The crisis in South Africa has pointed out possibilities twelve months ago undreamt of, but it has also shown the need of solidarity, and the Empire has a congenial task in working for this. We shall be busily occupied for many years in our own affairs; and we can recognise, and in fact have tacitly recognised, that the movement in the United States is one so nearly akin to our own that it need excite no useless jealousies. In China our aims are one, to preserve the autonomy of the Empire, and to gain this end we can afford to keep within the bounds of peaceful rivalry, the close and honourable competition of business. We cannot both be first, but we can, if we work to ether, so control the contest that any opponent will at best be a bad third.

THE FAR EAST AND THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

(Daily Press, 17th February.)

It is slightly more than a year ago since the British Government with the general assent of the country expressed their willingness, if met by the United States, to abrogate the conditions of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty so far as the construction of a Nicaragua Canal was concerned. That treaty forbade the construction of such a canal by either power without the concurrence of the other, and was more or less concerned with the ambitious designs of the French on the isthmus of Darien. The original circumstances were considerably altered meanwhile and the conditions which rendered the undertaking from one or other side inadvisable had ceased to exist, and the further continuance of the treaty had come to be the principal obstacle to the canal being taken in hand. It had been intended that the canal should be made by a private company under the auspices of the two Governments, but the enormous expense, estimated at the outset at least a hundred million dollars, and the possibility that eventually this would probably be considerably exceeded, acted as a damper, and it became clearer day by day that the scheme was practically beyond the limits of private enterprise. At all events a project was brought before Congress in January, 1899, to enable the Government itself to undertake the work in the event of satisfactory arrangements being come to with the British Government. Pending, however, the conclusion of those arrangements a committee was appointed, the composition of which was however distasteful to the people in the States, who have all through professed their suspicion, that the pioneer company was more disposed to hamper than to forward the proposed enterprise, and who believe that English financiers are opposed to the scheme as injurious to the interests of the Suez Canal. However that may be there is

on behalf of the British Government and people no desire to hamper the proposed canal in any way, and the views of the Washington Government have in every way been met by the abandonment of those portions of the Clayton Bulwer treaty which prevent the United States from undertaking the work as a national concern. On the other hand the United States from the beginning have stated that although the canal is primarily intended for the benefit of United States trade, and to facilitate the movements to and from the Pacific of the United States Navy, the same international rules were to be accepted as in the case of the Suez Canal, and the new channel is to be open to the ships and war vessels of the world. This from the tenor of all previous correspondence published on the subject we take to be the subject matter of the new treaty whose signature was announced in telegrams received on the 6th instant. America, of course, receives from the canal the first immediate benefit. She has jealously kept in her hands, the entire coast carrying trade of the country, but the voyage from New York to San Francisco has been so lengthened and so dangerous that practically nearly the whole trade has been overland. The same remarks apply with redoubled force to the trade between the Mexican Gulf and the Pacific Coast which will by the new arrangement be brought into close contiguity instead of having to halt circumnavigate the globe. In the present temper of the United States the construction of the Nicaragua Canal may be looked upon as a certainty. As an engineering feat it presents fewer difficulties than have already in other cases been overcome, and the difficulties are of an easy calculable character, consisting mainly of locks in positions already carefully surveyed. There is no diversion of existing water ways, as in the unfortunate Panama proposition, and the country and the climate are altogether more favourable. The one drawback, and an important one, is the necessity of having to ascend some hundred feet, and to descend on the other, and various schemes of hydraulic lifts have been proposed, though at present the tendency seems to be to adopt locks. The possibility that after all the French Company, who have been hitherto so unsuccessful in their attempt to pierce the isthmus at Panama, may in the end succeed is an additional incentive to the people of the States to hurry the project, and we may expect the scheme to be taken up warily in the present session of congress, and pushed to a practical commencement before President MACKINLEY's term of office expires. In fact the canal will probably be made one of the 'planks' in the coming presidential election. Under the circumstances it behoves us as Englishmen to face the problem of the new conditions betimes. The Suez Canal practically revolutionised the trade of the world, and England as the best prepared was the first to reap the benefit. As times advanced other nations have entered into the game, and have changed considerably the centre of commercial activity. The opening of the canal has acted as an incentive to the trade of south Europe and restored the Mediterranean to its position as the great highway of commerce. To at least an equal degree the opening of a canal from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific Ocean must revolutionise the trade of East Asia. The present trade between Europe and China and Japan is essentially a coasting one, and the freight of the vessels engaged are largely augmented by contingents from intermediate ports. The

trade between England, for instance, and China by the new route will have no such advantage, and will consist of entirely a port to port traffic. But there is more to be said. American cottons from New England mills are becoming in China a formidable rival to English goods. Even at present in the United States there is a tendency to remove the manufacturing centres to the south, and Georgia and Alabama are beginning to take part in the industry. For long American cotton was shipped to England, transformed in Lancashire into cloth, and shipped to China by the Suez Canal. Practically there was little inconvenience in the process. It was almost as easy to carry cotton to Liverpool as to Boston, and Liverpool was more favourably situated for shipping through the Canal. Columbus or Montgomery will however be very differently situated with regard to China on the opening of the Nicaragua route. Not only will the cotton be grown on the spot, but the voyage will be nearly 5,000 miles shorter, and these are factors which must tell in the long run. So also iron and steel can be as readily shipped from the great producing districts of Ohio and West Virginia, as at present from New York, and here again the saving of the long passage from England must, in the long run, tell in favour of America. Altogether the present balance will be seriously affected, and our English manufacturers will find themselves placed in a less advantageous position than hitherto, other collateral changes will accrue from the new route, many of which will doubtless be in favour of British trade. San Francisco brought into closer connection with the South-eastern States will doubtless find her position as a shipping port considerably improved, but these are benefits to America which we can accept with complacency. The ports of British Columbia will also be directly benefitted, and doubtless the body of British trade in the Pacific, especially with Australasia, will increase in an enormous degree. On the whole while our proportionate share is seriously menaced, the actual body will continue to grow. But energy and judgment will be largely needed should we wish to retain our position as the foremost trading nation in the Far East.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S DISPATCH.

(Daily Press, 21st February.)

The communication from the Right Hon. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN, Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the salaries of various officers of the Hongkong Government service can hardly be regarded as entirely satisfactory. When the matter was put before the home authorities stress was laid on the fact that, in consequence of the enormous increase in house-rents and the cost of living which has taken place in the colony in recent years, what was a fair salary at one time is utterly inadequate for a man's requirements nowadays. Of course this argument holds good all round, embracing not only the heads of departments and assistant heads but also those occupying lower positions. In fact the last-named are the people who have felt the pinch most, and consequently it does not surprise us to learn that they are considerably aggrieved by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN'S declaration that he can only sanction the revision of the pay of the chiefs and their assistants. "To him that hath shall be given" is a saying of Scripture which one would not reasonably expect to see exemplified by so pronounced a Democrat as Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.

THE MURDER OF BRITISH OFFICERS ON THE YUNNAN BORDER.

(Daily Press, 19th February.)

THE news wired by our Shanghai correspondent, announcing the murder of two British officers and the wounding of a third, on the Burma-Chinese border, is the most serious and dastardly outrage of its kind since the murder of MARGARY, under somewhat similar circumstances. Although the Chinese officials cannot be said to be deliberately guilty of the murder of the officers, yet they cannot be disassociated from it. Messrs. KIDDLE and SUTHERLAND were members of the Burma Boundary Commission, and for some time have been actively engaged in surveying—when the Chinese officials in the districts thought fit to allow them to do so—the territory on the borders of Burma and Yunnan. From the very commencement the Chinese officials have personally placed every impediment in the way of these officers and their associates, and what is far worse they have deliberately encouraged the tribesmen to molest and impede the commissioners. It is also well known that the Chinese officials, as in the case of Captain DEASY, have been secretly instructed in their work of obstruction with orders from their government at Peking. A correspondent of the *Rangoon Gazette*, with the Burma Boundary Commission, writing on the 14th ult., refers to the trouble Mr. SUTHERLAND was then experiencing at the hands of General LIU. They were then in the country of the Was, and the correspondent wrote:—

"As, then, to these Was about here, whatever their attitude may have been when the Chinese first made enquiry about it, they are now evidently bent on resisting entrance into their country. The Was that fringe the Chinese Shan State of Meng Ting; those of Pang Hung just concealed to China, and those of Pang Hkawn, in our territory, have all given signs that they do not wish to be visited by any boundary commissions. We hear that Was have treacherously murdered some inhabitants of Panthay settlement of Pang Lung (this is in our territory, what are we going to do about it?) They have threatened to attack our camps here and to annihilate the Reserve Escort at Hopang. On the only occasion on which we have offered to visit one of their villages, they punctuated the path with something closely resembling full stops. So far we have progressed with only a shot or tow exchanged, and a few rocks rolled, but when we again come in contact with these hill folk lower down the frontier, it remains to be seen if the irksome orders we are under, on no account to fight, can be carried out to the letter. The map of the frontier has to be made if its demarcation is to be effective; the Was will certainly oppose the entrance of surveyors to any part of their country; Chinese escorts are of as much value as a counterfeit coin. It therefore appears that the work of driving off interfering Was will be with us. It is open to question if this can be done always without something very like what the Chinese call 'battle fighting.'"

"Three conferences between the Commissioners have been held in Man Hka, on the 8th, 9th and 10th, the result of which is that the frontier has been agreed upon from the point on the Nam Ting river, where work ended last year, up to a hill named Meng Ling Shang. The length of this piece is not more than eight miles; not much, it may be said, at first glance for three weeks' work, but a great deal when the active inertness of our Chinese coadjutors is taken into consideration. On the 13th the Chinese party left Man Hka in the direction of Meng Ting. Mr. SCOTT'S party following the next day. Fifty Gurkhas and eight Mounted Infantry of the Reserve Escort are to accompany the Commission round the frontier, under Captain WHITEHEAD. The remainder of the Reserve Escort remains for the present at Hopang, where it has an excellent camp in a good defensible position."

The Consul LITTON referred to is no doubt Mr. G. T. LITTON, of H.M.'S Consular Service in China, stationed most likely at Teng yue in Yunnan, which place is also known as Momen. He is a very promising official, and recently compiled a very valuable report of a Journey into North Szechuen.

Our correspondent mentions that details are wanting but there can be no doubt that when those details arrive they will disclose the full complicity of the Chinese officials and of the Chinese Government. The commission had a military escort composed of Gurkhas and a few English mounted infantry, but presumably that escort was with the other members of the commission. Truly China is doing everything in her power to hasten her own destruction. At the present crisis in China, Great Britain is China's best friend, but she is doing her utmost to alienate British sympathy and help. "The Open-Door Policy" can scarcely meet these recent outrages in Shantung and Yunnan.

MURDER OF BRITISH OFFICERS AT MENGKA.

A CONSUL WOUNDED.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

SHANGHAI, 18th February, 7.10 p.m.

Messrs. Kiddle and Sutherland, members of the Burma Boundary Commission, were murdered at Mengka, 200 miles from Tengyue, on the 10th inst.

Consul Litton was slightly wounded.

Details are wanting.

GERMAN DEMONSTRATION IN SHANTUNG.

The Germans have despatched an armed force to Kiaochow from Tsintau, to stimulate the troops of the Viceroy of Shantung to attack the bandits.

Captain von Buttlar and Mr. Hildebrand (Railway Engineer) are going to Chinanfu to interview the Viceroy, and to secure guarantees against interference with the railway work.

THE CITY OF KOWLOON.

TO COME UNDER BRITISH JURISDICTION.

The following Order in Council was published in the *Government Gazette Extraordinary* on the 21st inst.

At the Court at Windsor, the 27th day of December, 1899. Present, the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Ritchie.

Whereas by a Convention dated the 9th day of June 1898, between Her Majesty and His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of China, it was provided that the limits of British territory in the regions adjacent to the Colony of Hongkong should be enlarged under lease to Her Majesty in the manner described in the said Convention.

And whereas by an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 20th of October, 1898, it was, amongst other things, ordered that the territories within the limits and for the term described in the said Convention should be and the same were thereby declared to be part and parcel of Her Majesty's Colony of Hongkong, in like manner and for all intents and purposes as if they had originally formed part of the said Colony, and it should be competent for the Governor of Hongkong, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of the said Colony, to make laws for the peace, order, and good government of the said territories as part of the Colony.

And whereas by Article 4 of the said Order in Council it was provided that, notwithstanding anything in the said Order in Council contained, the Chinese officials at the date of the said Order in Council stationed within the City of Kowloon should continue to exercise jurisdiction therein except in so far as might be inconsistent with the military requirements for the defence of Hongkong.

And whereas the exercise of jurisdiction by the Chinese officials in the City of Kowloon having been found to be inconsistent with the military requirements for the defence of Hongkong, it is expedient that Article 4 of the said Order in Council should be revoked, and that the Chinese officials within the City of Kowloon should cease to exercise jurisdiction therein, and that the said City of Kowloon should become part and parcel of Her Majesty's Colony of Hongkong for all purposes during the continuance of the term of the Lease in the said Convention mentioned.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. Article 4 of the Order of Her Majesty in Council of the 20th of October, 1898, is hereby revoked, without prejudice to anything lawfully done thereunder.

2. The City of Kowloon shall be and the same is hereby declared to be for the term of the Lease in the said Convention mentioned part and parcel of Her Majesty's Colony of Hongkong, in like manner and for all intents and purposes as if it had originally formed part of the said Colony.

3. The provisions of the said Order in Council of the 20th of October, 1898, shall apply to the City of Kowloon in like manner as if the said City had by the said Order in Council been declared to be part and parcel of Her Majesty's Colony of Hongkong.

And the Right Honourable Joseph Chamberlain, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

A. W. FITZROY.

SALARIES OF OFFICERS IN THE HONGKONG GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

The following correspondence is published in the *Government Gazette*:—

Downing Street,
8th December, 1899.

Sir,—I have had under consideration your despatches noted in the margin relative to the salaries of various officers of the Hongkong Government Service, and I have to inform you that I see no sufficient reason for the appointment of a Committee to enquire into the subject.

2. I am, however, willing, so far as you agree and subject to the consent of the Legislative Council, to sanction the following revised scales of salaries.

3. The salary of the Governor may be raised to \$35,000 of which \$8,000 should be regarded as entertainment allowance; and the salary of the combined offices of Colonial Secretary and Registrar General may be raised to \$10,800.

4. The salaries of the undermentioned offices, which are or may hereafter be held by officers of the cadet class, should be classified in the following manner:—

(a.) The Treasurer, the First Magistrate, and the Captain Superintendent of Police and Prisons to receive \$6,000 rising to \$7,200 by triennial increments of \$600;

(b.) The Assistant Colonial Secretary, the Second Magistrate (for the New Territory), the Inspector of Schools, the Postmaster General, and the Registrar of the Supreme Court, to receive \$4,800 rising to \$5,400 by triennial increments of \$300;

(c.) The Assistant Registrar General, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, the Deputy Land Officer, the Deputy Registrar and Accountant of the Supreme Court, and (on the next vacancy) the Deputy Registrar and Appraiser to receive \$3,600 rising to \$4,200 by triennial increments of \$300;

(d.) The Assistant Superintendent of Police (for the New Territory), the Assistant Superintendent of the Gaol, and the Assistant Postmaster General to receive \$2,400 rising to \$3,000 by triennial increments of \$300.

5.—In the Medical Department the Principal Civil Medical Officer may be given \$4,800 rising to \$6,000 by triennial increments of \$600; the three Assistant Surgeons may be given \$3,600 rising to \$4,200 by triennial increments of \$300 the present allowance to the Assistant Medical Officer of the Lunatic Asylum being reduced to \$240. The Port Health Officer and

the Apothecary and Analyst may be given \$2,400 rising to \$3,000 by triennial increments of \$300.

6.—In the Public Works Department the salary of the Director may be increased to \$7,200 rising to \$7,800 after three years. The Assistant Director of Public Works and the senior Executive Engineer may be given \$4,200 rising to \$4,800 by triennial increments of \$300. The other Executive Engineers and the Office Assistant may receive \$3,000 rising to \$3,600 by triennial increments of \$300; two assistant engineers and the draftsman may receive \$2,400 rising to \$3,000 by the same increments, and the two remaining assistant engineers \$1,800 rising to \$2,400 by the same increments.

7.—The Harbour Master may be given \$4,800 rising to \$6,000 by triennial increments of \$600; and the assistant harbour master \$3,000 rising to \$3,600 by triennial increments of \$300.

8.—Turning to Queen's College, I approve of the head master being given \$4,800 rising to \$5,400 by triennial increments of \$300. The second master may be given \$3,600 to \$4,200; the senior assistant masters \$2,400 to \$3,000; and the junior assistant masters \$1,800 to \$2,400, by the same increments.

9.—The Director of the Observatory may be given \$3,000 rising to \$3,600; the chief assistant \$2,100 to \$2,700, and the first assistant \$1,800 to \$2,400, with triennial increments of \$300 in each case.

10.—I am also willing to approve of the salaries of the Governor's Private Secretary and Aide-de-Camp being raised to \$2,400 a year each.

11.—These increases may begin from the 1st of January next, and, subject to any modifications which you may suggest in particular cases, officers, whose present salary is less than their initial salary in the new incremental scale, should on that date begin at such initial salary, while other officers should be regarded as having earned the increments to which their length of service entitles them.—I have the honour to be, sir, your most obedient, humble servant,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

Governor

Sir Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G.

SUPREME COURT.

February 16th.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE SIR JOHN CARRINGTON (CHIEF JUSTICE).

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE 1 OF 1865 AND IN THE MATTER OF THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

On the 5th February Mr. Marcus W. Slade (instructed by Messrs. Deacon and Hastings) made an ex-parte application "on behalf of H. Tung, of Victoria, in the colony of Hongkong, complainant, that the register of members of the above-named company may be rectified by removing the name of Cheng Wing Shan therefrom in respect of seven shares in the said company, numbered respectively 2,454, 2,946, 2,947, 3,492, 3,832, 3,833, and 3,834, and the name of Lai Yung Tak Tong therefrom in respect of four shares in the said company, numbered 4,255, 4,256, 4,257, and 4,258 respectively, and substituting for the names of the said Cheng Wing Shan and Lai Yung Tak Tong the name of the applicant, as the holder of the said shares, and that the said company may be ordered to pay to the applicant his costs of and occasioned by this application or that such other order may be made as to the court may seem just."

On that occasion the Acting Chief Justice (the Hon. W. Meigh Goodman) made an order upon the Man On Insurance Company to show cause why an order should not be made in the terms of the motion.

Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C. (instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) appeared for the Insurance Company.

Mr. Ho Tung has made the following affidavit:—

"I On the 6th day of August last I purchased from one Cheng Wing Shan seven shares in the above-named company numbered respectively 2,454, 2,946, 2,947, 3,492, 3,832, 3,833 and

3,834, and received from the said Cheng Wing Shan the certificates for the said shares and an instrument of transfer thereof duly executed by the said Cheng Wing Shan and attested

"In or about the latter part of September, 1899, I handed the said certificates and instrument of transfer duly executed by both the said Cheng Wing Shan and myself and attested to my assistant, Pang Shan Chun, and directed him to attend at the registered office of the above-named company and apply for the registration of such transfer. I was subsequently informed by the said Pang Shan Chun that he so attended and applied, but was desired by the secretary of the said company to come again after the meeting of directors had taken place at the end of the month. I was afterwards enjoined by the said Pang Shan Chun that he had again attended at the office of the said company in the month of October, 1899, but was told by the secretary of the said company that the said transfer could not then be registered, as there were an insufficient number of directors in the colony at the time to consider the matter.

"3. I afterwards personally saw the secretary of the said company and was informed by him that the said directors refused to allow the transfer to me of the said shares to be registered.

"4. On the 27th day of November, 1899, I instructed my solicitors, Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, to write to the secretary of the said company and formally apply to have the said shares registered in my name, and they accordingly did so. On the 7th day of December, 1899, my said solicitors received a letter from Messrs. Deacon and Hastings, the solicitors for the said company, stating that the Board of Directors of the said company had decided that they were unable to approve of the transfer to me of the said shares.

"5. On the 28th day of November, 1899, I agreed to purchase from one Tai Yung Tak Tong, alias Tai Chuk Lam, four other shares on the above named company numbered respectively 4,255, 4,256, 4,257, and 4,258, in the event of the said company not purchasing the said shares, which I was informed by the said Tai Yung Tak Tong he had offered to sell to the said company.

"6. On the 8th day of January, 1900, having been informed by the said Tai Yung Tak Tong that the said company had declined to purchase the said shares at the price for which he had offered to sell the same, I completed the purchase thereof and received from the said Lai Yung Tak Tong the certificate for the said shares and an instrument to transfer thereof from himself to me duly executed by him and attested, which said instrument I also executed myself.

"7. On the said 8th day of January 1900, my solicitors, Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, who also acted as the solicitors for the said Lai Yung Tak Tong, wrote to the secretary of the said company, informing him that the said shares had been sold and transferred to me and requesting that they might be registered in my name. To this letter my said solicitors on the 12th day of January, 1900, received a reply written by the solicitor for the said company, stating that the directors of the said company were of opinion that I was not a fit person to hold shares in the said company, and they declared, therefore, to register the transfer to me in pursuance of the powers vested in them in that behalf by Article 21 and 23 of the Articles of Association of the said company, and further stating that the reason for the aforesaid opinion of the said directors was that as I was a shareholder and largely interested in other insurance companies carrying on business in competition with the above-named company, it would not be for the interests of the said company to allow me to become a shareholder therein.

"8. I am possessed of considerable personal property in this colony, which fact is well known to every member of the said Board of Directors, and, as I verily believe, my reputation among both the European and Chinese members of the community of Hongkong is irreproachable.

"9. Neither of them, the said Cheng Wing Shan and Lai Yung Tak Tong, is, I am informed by them and verily believe indebted in any sum whatever to the said company, and neither of them is, I verily believe, in a position to assist

in any way in increasing the prosperity of the said company.

"10. I have myself on many occasions given business to the said company, and there are no legitimate grounds whatsoever for considering the registration of myself as the proprietor of the said shares in the stead of the said Cheng Wing Shan and Lai Yung Tak Tong to be prejudicial to the interests of the said company, and I verily believe that the real reason for the refusal of the said Board of Directors to allow me to be so registered has nothing whatever to do with the question as to whether or not I was a fit and proper person to hold shares in the said company, but that the said directors, or some of them, are actuated by improper motives in refusing to approve of the transfers to me of the said shares.

"11.—Several of the said directors are to my own knowledge, themselves shareholders or personally interested in other insurance companies carrying on business in this colony of precisely the same nature as the above-named company.

"12.—The form in which the original transfers to me of the said shares executed by the said Cheng Wing Shan and Lai Yung Tak Tong were drawn is the form adopted by the above-named company for all transfers of shares in the said company, but I also hold instruments of transfer of the said shares in the four provided by clause of Table A in the first schedule to Ordinance No. 1 of 1855, which instruments have been respectively executed by the said Cheng Wing Shan and Lai Yung Tak Tong and by myself."

Mr. Francis spoke at considerable length on behalf of the Man On Insurance Company, contending that it was not merely because he was interested as a shareholder in other companies that he was objecting to, but that he was an active agent in opposition companies.

The further hearing was adjourned.

17th February.

This case again came before the Court, Mr Slade putting forward the case of Mr. Ho Tung.

His Lordship said he would reserve his decision.

February 19th.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

BEFORE SIR JOHN CARRINGTON (CHIEF JUSTICE).

DISCHARGED.

The calendar included the names of Hu Sau Yan and Li Hou Sau, the former having been committed for bribery and the latter for rape. The Attorney-General (the Hon. W. Meigh Goodman), however, said he had made enquiries as to these cases and he did not think he could ask any jury to convict. Therefore, he did not propose to file an information in either case.

Both the prisoners were then formally discharged by proclamation.

OBTAINING MONEY BY FALSE PRETENCES.

There were three counts in the indictment against Cheung Ping Nam, viz., (1) obtaining money by false pretences; (2) obtaining money by false pretences; and (3) conspiracy to defraud. The prisoner pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Slade (instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Grist) appeared for the defence.

The following composed the jury:—Messrs. A. Cameron (foreman), L. E. Ozorio, Peter Loureiro, James Walker, W. Schmidt, C. G. Klinck, and H. Nolke.

The Attorney-General said the prisoner was charged on three counts, namely, with obtaining \$40 by false pretences, with obtaining \$120 by false pretences, and with conspiring with a man called Un Kwai Fong to obtain \$120 from the prosecutor. It appeared that a man named Ip Wing, together with some other people, purposed starting a boarding-house, and was on the look-out for suitable premises. The prisoner, hearing of this, thought to himself that he would be able, if he could get a suitable house for these people, to get some commission. It seemed usual among the Chinese that there should be an intermediate man in these matters, and the intermediate man who procured the

house expected a commission. The prisoner did not know the prosecutor at the time, but he got an old friend of his named Un Kwai Fong to introduce him. The prisoner had an interview with the prosecutor somewhere about the 28th November, and he took him to see the house 26, Wing Kat Street, from the outside. The house belonged to the Li Hing estate. It was tenanted at the time, and the tenants had no idea of leaving neither had the owners any idea of letting the house to anyone else. However, the prisoner thought he would get a commission somehow, so he told the prosecutor that the rent collector was a friend of his—which was not true—and gave him the impression that he could use his influence to get the house for him. On the second December the prosecutor paid the prisoner \$40 as commission, and on the 30th December he got another \$120 from him. When the second sum was paid the prisoner introduced to the prosecutor Un Kwai Fong, saying that he was acting as rent collector, while the real rent collector was in Canton. Un Kwai Fong had since absconded. It was subsequently found that the prisoner had no authority for acting as he had done and that no change of tenancy was in view.

While the Attorney-General was speaking he was interrupted once or twice by Mr. Slade who took exception to some of his observations, remarking that he had never heard cases opened as they were opened in this colony.

The evidence for the prosecution was given.

On the case for the prosecution being concluded, His Lordship directed the jury to find a verdict of not guilty. When the prosecutor was in the witness box he contradicted himself on several points and also observed that he had no desire to proceed against the prisoner.

Under these circumstances the prisoner was found not guilty and discharged.

BEFORE HIS HONOR A. G. WISE (PUISNE JUDGE).

ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE AT SHAUKIWAN.

There were two counts in the indictment against Tang Cheung, viz., (1) robbery by one or more persons; (2) robbery with violence. He pleaded not guilty.

The jurors were:—Messrs. R. J. Gerard (foreman), Percy William Patrick Sinnott, L. B. Sequiera, E. Leb, E. J. Hughes, J. J. Leiria, and A. W. Schellars.

It was alleged by the prosecution that on the 3rd January at Shauiwan the prisoner and two other men attacked a woman and took from her jewellery of the value of \$40. Her cries attracted the attention of a man, who chased the men and caught the prisoner.

Mr. H. E. Pollock conducted the case for the Crown.

The prisoner said it was not he who committed the offence but his younger brother, who was wearing some clothing of his at the time. His younger brother ran away on learning that he had been reported to the police. The prisoner added, "My younger brother looks the same as me; we were twins."

The prisoner was found guilty on both counts, and sentenced to two years' hard labour on each count, the sentences to run concurrently, and 20 strokes with the birch.

ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO ROB.

Chan Un pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault with intent to rob.

There was no change in the jurors.

From the statement made by Mr. Pollock it appeared that on the 28th January the prisoner and three other men went to the floor of a house in Aberdeen Street occupied by a woman named Lee Hin, professing to want to hire a cubicle. While they were talking to her, one of the men rubbed some pepper into her eyes from behind. She was thrown down and an attempt was made to take three rings from her finger. She struggled and got away on to the verandah and began to call out "Save life!" The men then skuttled downstairs and the prisoner was caught in the street and brought back. The other men got away.

The prisoner was found guilty and sentenced to 15 months with hard labour.

ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN MONEY BY FORGED REQUESTS.

Chan Kam Un, alias Chan Tak Un, was charged on four counts with endeavouring to

obtain money by forged requests, etc. He pleaded not guilty.

The jurors were:—Messrs. C. W. Richards (foreman), A. A. Coderio, John Shelton, Wong Kam Fuk, A. E. Osmond, P. A. Cox, and Chow Dart Fong.

Mr. Pollock said there were four counts in this indictment. On the first three counts prisoner was charged with endeavouring to obtain various sums of money—\$100, £55, and £50—by means of forged requests, and on the fourth count he was charged with endeavouring to obtain the sum of \$100 by means of false pretences. All these four counts had reference to the same date, the 21st Jan., and the first and four counts had reference to the same sum of money. Broadly speaking, what the prisoner did was to pretend that he came from a certain Chinese shop called the Fuk Loon Shop, and was to collect various sums of money, and that in several of these cases he produced certain letters or requests for the payment of money purporting to come from the Fuk Loon Shop. As a matter of fact these letters for the payment of money were forgeries.

The prisoner was found guilty, and sentenced to 18 months with hard labour on each count, the sentences to run concurrently.

THE STATE OF SHANTUNG.

Government by proclamation, says *The Peking and Tientsin Times*, is still the order of day in Shantung. Governor Yuan has issued two very stringent proclamations covering the case of this wild state of anarchy in Western Shantung. The one states the case of Christianity as being repeatedly commended by Imperial Edict, and as being fully as legitimate a dweller in China as the Buddhist and Taoist religions. He bids the people have regard for their fellows who follow these foreign religions, and to find an immediate way to live in peace with them. The second proclamation deals with the insidious Boxers' Society which he denounces in unmeasured terms, referring to the history of Tao Kuang when these Yi Ho-chuan were extirpated root and branch. This is all very well, as far as words can make for good. But the local officials merely pass on a bundle of the proclamations to the village constables who very righteously suppress the same unless compelled to post them by some additional external force. A new rôle has now been discovered. The officials of Ping Yuan and En Hsien having called the headman of each township and having issued the Governor's strict orders, demand that the whole country sign a bond to the effect that at present there are no more Boxers, all having quietly dispersed. Were there any truth in such bonds one would be pleased at the simple way of quelling such a wide-spread and terrible rising. The authorities in Chihli are acting more vigorously than those in Shantung. The interests are no doubt greater. In one district in Chihli indemnity has already been paid up to the amount of £2,400. This is an admirable beginning. In Shantung, on the contrary, nothing has been paid and no intimation on the part of a single official of any readiness to pay an indemnity. We understand that as regards the same trouble in I-chou-fu last winter, it took nearly a whole year to settle the very small claims that were made. The removal of the delinquent officials is perhaps the first step towards stopping the trouble. It is learned that the Hsian-chin official is to be removed because he allowed even telegraph poles to be hacked and cut down. He is not to be removed for all the terror and disaster which his utter inadequacy has stimulated if not abetted. Through the coming to his district of the Taotai from Chinan-fu two of the leaders who destroyed the Christian chapels and homes at Ho Chien-tun having been arrested and taken to the capital for punishment. Two others still more deeply implicated are arrested. The articles which were kindly sent in response to an appeal for the sufferers have proved to be most helpful. The unwonted cold of this season, the mercury being lower than ever noted here during the past twenty years, has made the sorrows of the looted Christians a tinge more sombre. Gen. Yuan, anxious lest marauders from Chihli should still molest us, has sent a guard of eighty foot soldiers.

RACING NOTES

The training operations for the time being are virtually over, and the numerous candidates will receive the finishing touches to-day. Up to yesterday morning the weather conditions were simply perfect, and nothing occurred to mar the pleasure of the expeditions to the track. Eastern sportsmen generally observe the day of rest more completely than their brethren elsewhere, and as a result work on the course is usually suspended on that day. It is always imperative however to gallop two days before racing, and in consequence the usual rule was not observed yesterday morning. As sort of protest the elements indulged in a wet escapade, and in a most objectionable way damped the jackets and the spirits of everybody interested. Rain fell in torrents before the work was over, and the ponies and riders who were out in it presented a sorry spectacle as they returned to the enclosure. Fortunately the Derby cracks got through beforehand, and their final gallops were accomplished satisfactorily.

General regret was expressed when it became known that Rampant Rose had gone amiss, and would be an unlikely starter in the classic race. His trainer has hopes of bringing him to the post, but even should he succeed the chances of the pony's success are very remote indeed.

Should the weather prove unpropitious the best laid plans and the finest calculations will be rudely upset, and many of the hitherto despised competitors will come in for a meed of unexpected attention. Ponies of the sturdy Strathcona type will probably share fancy with one of the Kings and Bulbul, whilst the more aristocratic in appearance will lose their position in public favour. In dealing with the momentary changes weather conditions must be ignored, and consequently Thunderstorm, Strathcona, and Modder will be mentioned in the order named. Modder did an extraordinary gallop yesterday, apparently stopping at every quarter, but his finish was quite satisfactory. He lugs out a good deal, and unless in a good humour will be troublesome in this respect when racing. His various times have been so good however that they compel his inclusion in the probabilities.

One of the very best gallops clocked since Thursday last was Sandstorm's mile in two fourteen. Charger, who accompanied him, was hopelessly beaten before half a mile had been covered, and toiling in the rear finished ten lengths to the bad. Sandstorm kept going in the most resolute manner, and his name promises to figure prominently in the list of winners.

If the information obtained from a contemporaneous source is correct, Messrs. Flower and Higgins have been unfortunate in the naming of their griffin. The river after which pony is called rises at flood time with great rapidity, and is said to inspire fear. Tuzela has not succeeded in instilling the same spirit into his racing opponents, neither has his track form frightened owners into the belief that he possesses a chance of wresting any of the numerous trophies from the grasp of other likely competitors.

Number one race on the card for to-morrow is the Wong-nei-chong Stakes, over a half-mile course. Tube-Rose, Beechnut, and Yellow Dwarf form a likely trio for the event, at all times a hard one to pick. Esperance, although small can gallop, and may win the prize for Mr. Hart Buck.

The first mile to be discussed is the Victoria Stakes, and nothing stands out more conspicuously than Sandstorm and Forrest King. The latter's stable-mate Desert King will be a hard nut to crack in the Maiden Stakes, although he will be stoutly opposed by Diplomat and Dot Rose. The latter has a bigger following for this race than either of the others, but Desert King, assisted as he will be by one of the best horsemen in China, commends himself to those who have followed form closely.

Impahla may be reserved for the Comprador's

Cup, and in his absence the chestnuts, Orange Blossom and Sartow, should fight out the finish in the Valley Stakes. Both ponies have done well in training, and their defeat is very doubtful. The ultimate winner of this race will be worth watching in subsequent events.

The Foochow Cup has attracted a rattling field. A mile and three quarters should just suit the Shanghai crack Shannon, and the task of winning should be a comparatively easy one for him. Rose de France is one of the nicest movers in the colony, but to lower Shannon's colours he will need to put up a performance beyond his powers. Pluto, who seems to have a mortgage on the Lusitano Cup, will probably be reserved for that race. The shorter course will be to his liking, and it seems almost impossible to locate a probable conqueror.

The second mile and a half race to be decided to-morrow is the Hongkong Club Cup. All the best old ponies are engaged, as well as some of the others, but their starting will depend to a material extent on the earlier performances. The programme concludes with the Encouragement Stakes for defeated subscription griffins of this season.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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Clerks of the Scale—Major M. M. Morris, R.A., and J. H. Lewis, Esq.

Judge—C. P. Chater, C.M.G.

Assistant Judge—The Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G.

Starter—A. Babington, Esq.

Second Starter—Ronald Hutton Potts, Esq.

Hon. Treasurer—J. C. Peter, Esq.

Clerk of the Course—P. F. Hough, Esq.

FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY.

Apart from the fact that the course was rather sodden, the conditions were all in favour of a successful outing, and the inaugural day of the race-meet attracted an attendance quite up to the most sanguine expectations. Shortly before the flag fell for the introductory event, His Excellency the Governor and suite arrived on the ground, and from that time until well into the afternoon the gathering increased in extent. The arrangements were almost perfect, and every detail had received the careful attention of the Clerk of the Course whose efforts combined with those of the Committee, were crowned with the most complete success. In addition to other innovations in the shape of conveniences, the Press people were provided with a special stand and room, and they were not slow to show their appreciation of the Club's thoughtfulness.

Both the stands were attractively decorated, and the calmness of the atmosphere, combined with the pretty surroundings and excellent racing, made the day a particularly enjoyable one. The band of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers played an important part in the entertainment, and their music added charm to the general effect. The course was absolutely sodden when the racing commenced, but it improved considerably as the day advanced and the weather holds up it should be in excellent condition for to-day's racing. Punctually at half past eleven the signal gong announced the readiness of the officials to look after their charges, and shortly after noon the contestants in the first race were despatched on their momentous journey. Mr. Hart Luck's neat little Esperance started favourite, and justified the confidence reposed in him by jumping off in the run and winning with

consummate ease. The Victoria Stakes came on for discussion within a half-hour of the initial event, and furnished an exciting finish. The favourite Forest King was backed as if the race were virtually over, but the consistent little Sandstorm upset the calculations of the sanguine followers of Mr. Potts' stable and landed the stake by half a length, and Beechnut and Standard Rose were locked together at the end of the journey. The former however secured the second place verdict by a head. Forest King's defect did not prevent his fanciers from supporting Desert of that ilk in the Maiden Stakes, and he more than compensated them for their early discomfiture by winning handsomely, Diplomat and Dot Rose filling the places.

The Valley Stakes, practically the forerunner of future classic events, attracted more attention than any of the previous races, and excitement simmered through the crowd as the starters faced the post. Sartow and Orange Blossom were the elect of the cognoscentie, the latter being more generally fancied. Sartow's chances were settled in a very short time, and the other chestnut was so indifferently handled that Mr. Cumming had no difficulty in beating him with the outsider. Rascal, Orange Blossom's rider rehabilitated himself on Rose de France in the Foochow Cup. Riding with judgement that would have stood him in good stead in the Valley Stakes, he beat Sin ad on the post. The race was looked upon as the best of good things for the winner, but it required all his rider's ingenuity to land him in front. Long before the Derby elect were out, every point of vantage was taken possession of and the dilatory were compelled to content themselves with ordinary stands. Thunderstorm retained his position in the betting market, and a general impression prevailed that he would at least get a place. The race was exciting in the extreme. Storm King, running on the interests of his stable companion, cut out the running at a rare pace and established a lead of many lengths before one quarter of the journey had been accomplished. The favourite was the first to decrease the distance between the bunch and the leader and in doing so probably spoilt his own chances. He jumped to the front a half-mile from home, but was only allowed to remain there on sufferance. Modder, Bulbul and Strategist had evidently benefitted more by the solid pace set than the one for whom it was intended, for the latter tailed off hopelessly defeated just at the moment that the other three moved to the front. Bulbul had been ridden with excellent care, and when Modder tackled him he was able to stall off his rush and maintain the lead. Strategist came from the rear at the distance post, and looked like winning until within a hundred yards from home, where he failed.

A dismal drizzle set in just after Bulbul had had settled the pretensions of the other aspirants for blue ribbon honors, and the people made a general rush for shelter. The rain ceased before the Lusitano Cup was run, and the course soon re-assumed its animated appearance. Pluto made his debut in the last mentioned event, and sustained his Amoy reputation by easily annexing the winning bracket. The Comprador's Cup gave Mr. Barkill a second chance to distinguish himself. His mount, The Robber, was an unconsidered chance, but he succeeded in defeating his more popular rivals. Shannon was almost unopposed in the second mile and a half, and the Hongkong Club Cup was added to his list of victories in short order. The concluding event was won in good style by Minor, who was handled in admirable style by Mr. Gresson. Sartow, despite his inglorious exhibition in the early part of the day, had a good following in the last race, but either his rider or he are sadly out of form.

Mr. Hector Sampson, of Shanghai, successfully conducted the Pari Mutuel. The dividends were promptly paid and the whole business was conducted to the entire satisfaction of everybody concerned. Appended are the detailed results of the racing.

THE WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES; a sweepstakes of \$5 each with \$100 added; second pony to receive \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; griffins on date of entry allowed 3 lbs.; subscription griffins of last season, non-winners, and of this season, 1899-1900, allowed 7 lbs. Half a mile.

Mr. Hart Buck's Esperance, 10st 6lb...	(Mr. Crawford)	1
Mr. G. H. Potts' Toosin, 11st 4lb	(Mr. Moller)	2
Mr. G. H. Potts' Demon King, 11st 4lb	(Mr. Burkill)	3
Mr. R. B. Johnson's The Wizard, 11st 11lb	(Mr. Walwyn)	0
Mr. St. Simon's Paradox, 10st 9lb	(Mr. West)	0
Mr. H. Schlee's Eskdale, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Cox)	0
Mr. Derick-Hunter's Tube Rose, 11st 4lb	(Mr. Cumming)	0
Mr. Dryasdust's Beechwood, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Johnson)	0
Mr. St Simon's Seafog, 11st 4lb	(Mr. Anderson)	0

At the start Esperance took the lead, and romped home a winner by ten lengths. Time, 1.03½. Pari Mutuel paid: Esperance, \$7.40; Toosin, \$15.60; Tube Rose, \$9.50.

The "VICTORIA" STAKES; a sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$250 added; second pony to receive \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale. One mile.

Mr. Derick-Hunter's Sandstorm, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Cumming)	1
Mr. John Peel's Beechnut, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Gresson)	2
Mr. Buxey's Standard Rose, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Wuilleumier)	3
Mr. G. H. Pott's Forest King, 11st 4lb	(Mr. Burkill)	0

The four ponies got away on even terms. Sandstorm took the lead, but passing the judge's box was headed by Forest King. At the quarter Beechnut was leading. Coming into the straight Sandstorm closed up and running on won a well contested race by a length. Time, 2.19½. Pari Mutuel dividend: Sandstorm, \$7; Beechnut, \$9.

The MALDEN STAKES; value \$400; second pony to receive \$75; third, \$50; for China ponies *bona fide* griffins on date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; entrance \$10. Three-quarters of a mile.

Mr. G. H. Potts' Desert King, 10st 13lb	(Mr. Burkill)	1
Mr. David's Diplomat, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Moller)	2
Mr. Buxey's Dot Rose, 10st 6lb	(Mr. Wuilleumier)	3
Mr. John Peel's Kingfisher, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Gresson)	0
Sir Horace McMahon's Lukong, 11st 4lb	(Mr. Walwyn)	0
Mr. Hermann's Pedigree, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Cox)	0
Mr. David's Enigma, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Jones)	0
Mr. G. H. Potts' Demon King, 11st 7lb	(Mr. Hart Buck)	0

At the fall of the flag Diplomat jumped off, and maintained his lead until well in the straight, when Desert King, coming with a well timed rush, headed Diplomat and won by ten lengths, a length dividing second and third. Time 1.37½. Pari Mutuel paid, first, \$6.60; second, \$6.90; third, \$6.60.

The VALLEY STAKES; a sweepstakes of \$5 each with \$200 added; first pony to receive 70 per cent.; second, 20 per cent.; third, 10 per cent.; for subscription griffins of this season, 1899-1900; weight for inches as per scale. Three-quarters of a mile.

Mr. Derick-Hunter's Rascal, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Cumming)	1
Mr. Pogose's Orange Blossom, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Wuilleumier)	2
Mr. Tierce's Minor, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Gresson)	3
Mr. G. H. Potts' Snow King, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Burkill)	0
Mr. Carruther's Wood Pigeon, 10st 13lb	(Mr. Cruickshank)	0
Mr. Magpie's Tartar, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Jones)	0
Sir Horace McMahon's Sartow, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Walwyn)	0
Mr. Alexander's Cocktail, 11st 4lb	(Mr. Brutton)	0
Mr. Sepia Pando's Subsidy, 1st 4lb	(Mr. Cox)	0

At the fourth attempt a good start was effected. Minor took the lead and carried his field along to the turn for home, when Rascal challenged him. Mr. Cumming then began to ride, and heading Minor, brought his mount home a winner by five lengths. Time, 1.42 1.5. Pari Mutuel paid: Rascal, \$11.50; Orange Blossom, \$7.10; Minor, \$7.80.

The FOOCHOW CUP; value \$250; presented by the Foochow Community; second pony to receive \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; entrance \$5. One mile and three-quarters.

Mr. Buxey's Rose de France	(Mr. Wuilleumier)	1
Mr. Dryasdust's Sinbad	(Mr. Johnson)	2
Mr. John Peel's Corbie, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Gresson)	3
Mr. Hart Buck's Désespoir, 11st 1lb	(Owner)	0
Mr. Toeg's Tiber, 11st 4lb	(Mr. Jones)	0

The field left the post together and were bunched until entering the straight for the first time. Sinbad then took command and with Rose de France and Corbie in close pursuit, passed the stand and led to the quarter-mile post. Half a mile from home he increased his lead to two lengths. Rose de France then moved up and closed with the leader. Up the straight they drew away from the others and fought out an exciting finish. Time, 1.09½. Pari Mutuel paid: Rose de France, \$11.50; Sinbad, \$7.10; Corbie, \$7.80.

The HONGKONG DERBY; a sweepstakes of \$2 each with \$1,500 added (half forfeit if declared on or before day of closing entries); for China ponies, *bona fide* griffins on date of entry (Saturday, 20th January, 1900); first pony to receive 70 per cent.; second, 20 per cent.; third, 10 per cent.; weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a half.

Mr. J. H. Lewis' Bulbul, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Johnson)	1
Mr. Toeg's Modder, 10st 11lb	(Mr. Jones)	2
Mr. David's Strategist, 11st 7lb	(Mr. Moller)	3
Mr. Derick-Hunter's Thunderstorm, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Cumming)	0
Mr. John Peel's Ting Haou, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Gresson)	0
Mr. Buxey's Unque Rose, 1st 1lb	(Mr. Wuilleumier)	0
Messrs. McKie and Grove's Strathfield, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Crawford)	0
Mr. G. H. Potts' Pirate King, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Burkill)	0
Mr. G. H. Potts' Storm Ring, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Cox)	0

After several false starts the field got away well together. At the bend the first time round Storm King had a clear lead of a dozen lengths and the others were bunched. The ponies passed the post without their positions being altered. Half a mile from home Thunderstorm improved his lead and flattered his backers by running to the front. At this point Storm King and Pirate King had retired hopelessly beaten. Thunderstorm led into the straight, but Bulbul then put in his claims, coming from the ruck, and, with Strategist and Modder, headed the others. From this point the struggle began. Every inch was contested. Coming along like demons, the three ponies fought out a most determined finish. Whip and spur were brought into requisition, and the riders rode for their lives. When the winning post was reached Bulbul had won the coveted prize by half a length. Modder came like a lion, but could not get his nose in front; Strategist was close on the latter's heels. Thunderstorm finished in the ruck. Time, 3.35. Pari Mutuel paid: Bulbul, \$45 for a win, \$18.50 for a place. Modder, \$11.10; Strategist, \$20.60.

The LUSITANO CUP; presented by the members of the Club Lusitano; second pony to receive half the entrance fees; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra; subscription griffins of this season, 1899-1900; allowed 7 lbs.; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Dorset's Pluto, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Gresson)	1
Mr. Buxey's White Rose, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Wuilleumier)	2
Mr. Derick-Hunter's Charger, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Cumming)	3
Mr. Mansfield's Ace of Hearts, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Walwyn)	0
Mr. Hart Buck's Esperance, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Crawford)	0
Mr. R. Wildman's Thistle, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Johnson)	0

When the ponies were sent on their mission White Rose was permitted to go his own sweet way to the front. This position he retained until

Pluto was given his head. He then simply played with his opponents, and cantered home an easy winner by six lengths. Time, 2.52½. In the Pari Mutuel Pluto paid \$8.5; White Rose gave a dividend of \$11.00.

The COMPRADORS' CUP; presented; second pony to receive half the entrance fees; for subscription griffins of this season, 1899-1900; weight for inches as per scale; winner of Valley Stakes 5 lbs. extra. Entrance \$5. One mile.

Mr. Babington's The Robber, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Burkill)	1
Mr. Tierce's Major, 11st 4lb	(Mr. Gresson)	2
Mr. J. H. Lewis' Rover, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Johnson)	3
Mr. David's Lightfoot, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Moller)	0
Mr. Wayfoong's Reserve, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Cox)	0
Mr. Wheel-Rut's Impahla, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Cumming)	0

A good start was made, and until coming into the straight the field were well together. After rounding the turn The Robber and Major put in their claims for supremacy, and after a good tussle The Robber succeeded in gaining the judge's verdict by half a length. Time, 2.24½. Pari Mutuel paid: The Robber, \$9.00; Major, \$21.60.

The HONGKONG CLUB CUP; presented; second pony to receive half the entrance fees; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale. Entrance \$15. One mile and a half.

Mr. Toeg's Shannon, 11st 4lb	(Mr. Jones)	1
Mr. Derick-Hunter's Emerald, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Cumming)	2
Mr. David's Black Prince, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Moller)	3

This race needs no description. Shannon took the lead at the fall of the flag and kept it all the way, winning in a common canter. Time 3.37½. Pari Mutuel paid: Shannon, \$6.80.

The ENCOURAGEMENT STAKES; a sweepstakes of \$5 each with \$100 added; for subscription griffins of this season, 1899-1900; first pony to receive 70 per cent.; second, 20 per cent.; third, 10 per cent.; previous winners excluded; weight for inches as per scale. Once round.

Mr. Tierce's Minor, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Gresson)	1
Mr. Buxey's China Rose, 1st 12lb	(Mr. Wuilleumier)	2
Capt. Bancroft's Cossack, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Johnson)	3
Sir H. McMahon's Sartow, 11st 12lb	(Mr. Walwyn)	0
Mr. Carruther's Woodpigeon, 11st 12lb	(Mr. Cruickshank)	0
Messrs. McKie and Grove's Strathgarry, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Crawford)	0
Mr. Alexander's Cocktail, 11st 4lb	(Mr. Brutton)	0
Mr. Derick-Hunter's Rescue, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Cumming)	0
Mr. E. Kelly's Terra Verde, 1st 1lb	(Mr. Jones)	0
Mr. Sepia Pando's Subsidy, 11st 4lb	(Mr. Cox)	0

On the fall of the flag Sartow immediately assumed command. He raced to the turn as if the winning post were there. Immediately his bolt had been shot. Mr. Gresson brought Minor along with a rush, and, maintaining his lead, won easily by a length. Time, 2.09½.

SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, 21st FEBRUARY.

Although the weather conditions were not a bit more enticing yesterday than on the previous day, the attendance was rendered particularly attractive by the presence of the fair sex in large numbers, and was quite up to expectations.

The Government House party, headed by His Excellency, arrived at a quarter to twelve and proceedings commenced shortly afterwards.

The condition of the course had not altered materially, and the going, although drier, seemed just as heavy.

During the afternoon a canard was circulated to the effect that the relief of Ladysmith had at last been accomplished, and for the time being the racing became a secondary consideration. Excitement ran so high that cheer after cheer rang out as the bogus information was

posted in one of the large matsheds. When it became known that the report lacked confirmation attention was once more given to the equines.

The Scurry Stakes brought out seven competitors and Desert King, on his performance of the first day, was installed favourite. Mr. Gresson, whose star is certainly in the ascendant, upset all the preconceived notions, and beat the popular fancy on the post after a brilliant contest. The first victory of the John Peel stable was well received. Shannon, Pluto, Thunderstorm, Strategist, Strathfleet and Bandolers measured strides in the Exchange plate of a mile and a distance. Shannon, whose running in the Hongkong Club Cup created the most favourable impression, registered a performance in this event that is not likely to be forgotten. He started off with Pluto and appeared to be holding his own comfortably until the hill was encountered; here he fell to the rear in the most peculiar manner, and continuing the poor display reached the winning post not only last, but behind one of the most indifferent performers racing at the meeting. His owner as well as his many supporters were sadly disappointed and his return to form will be watched for with a good deal of interest.

Although Pluto annexed the event Thunderstorm pressed him to the bitter end, and the race between the two was well worth witnessing. Strathfleet made a gallant effort in the last quarter, but had to strike his colours to the others.

The meeting of the winner and the runner up in the Derby under conditions somewhat similar was bound to create interest, and the race between the two for the Garrison Cup proved specially attractive. The other starters played an unimportant part in the race, the result of which to some extent justifies the freely expressed opinion that the Derby position should have been reversed. Bulbul carried his penalty for Tuesday's win and the distance was shorter by a quarter of a mile. To the turn for home it looked as if he might trouble Modder, but once in the straight the latter demonstrated his superiority and won in a pronounced fashion. This pony and Pluto, who with others have qualified for the Championship to be run to-day, should certainly participate in the final result.

The German Cup produced one of the largest fields of the day. Ten faced the starter and included in the batch were no less than three of the previous day's winners. Orange Blossom and The Robber were fancied and the Valley Stakes victor, Rascal, had a large following. Minor also came in for a little attention. The ultimate winner was hardly mentioned, but when Mr. David led him past the stand he received a tremendous ovation. The win was immensely popular, in fact the reception given to the owner was really more enthusiastic than any recorded during the two days' racing. Mr. Moller deserves a word of praise for the determination he displayed when he got his mount out of the ruck. Every yard of the run home was fiercely contested and it seemed to be only a question as to which rider would fail first. Mr. Moller certainly lasted longer than the rider of Orange Blossom, and was rewarded with a well merited win.

Mr. Toegs' Tiber proved too good for the other six competitors in the Navy Cup. He led from start to finish and never left the result in doubt for a moment. The Jockey Cup gave the hitherto unsuccessful eastern riders a chance to distinguish themselves, and Mr. Keys took advantage of the opportunity to debar himself from future events of a similar description. His mount, Major, showed an inclination to get through with his task before the starting flag fell, and accompanied by Terra Verda made a tour of the course between the mile and the five furlong posts. On returning to the starting point Terra Verda took up the objective, and finally landed his rider in the middle of the track. As soon as the ponies were persuaded to start Major went to the front and remained there to the finish.

The seventh event was captured by Ace of Hearts, piloted by Mr. Walwyn. Ting Haou gave the popular John Peel stable their second win in the Tai Yeuk Fong Cup, and at the same time justified the good opinion formed of him in the early part of his preparation. Strathfleet ran a sterling good race and was only just

beaten. At even weights in the Foochow Cup, the ancient Sinbad ran Rose de France to a short head, and with an advantage of seven pounds over a slightly shorter course, he looked all over a winner, but Mr. Buxey's pony was not to be denied, and placed the Professional Cup to his owner's credit. Tartar displayed a disinclination to participate in the concluding event, and as a result the other competitors were kept at the post for a considerable time. The finish proved most exciting and the dead heat between Tom Thumb and China Rose was a fitting conclusion to an excellent day's sport. Appended are the detailed results.

The SCURRY STAKES; a sweepstakes of \$10 each; for China ponies *bona fide* griffins on date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; winners 7 lbs. extra. One mile.

Mr. John Peel's Pilgrim, 11st 1lb (Mr. Gresson) 1
Mr. G. H. Potts' Desert King, 10st 12lb (Mr. Burkill) 2
Mr. David's Diplomat, 10st 12lb (Mr. Moller) 3
Mr. Buxey's Dot Rose, 10st 6lbs (Mr. Wueilleimier) 0
Mr. Hermann's Pedigree, 11st 1lb (Mr. Brutton) 0
Sir Horace McMahon's Lukong, 11st 4lbs (Mr. Walwyn) 0
Mr. G. H. Potts' Demon King, 11st 7lbs (Mr. Hart Buck) 0

At the second attempt the field were sent away on even terms. At the post Diplomat took the lead, Desert King being in close attendance. The same order was observed until half a mile from home. Coming into the straight Pilgrim was the first to show out, and coming up on the rails won a good race from Desert King by a neck. Diplomat was an indifferent third. Time, 2.17½.

The EXCHANGE PLATE; value \$500; presented by the Bankers and Exchange Brokers of Hongkong; second pony to receive \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; *bona fide* griffins on date of entry allowed 5 lbs.; winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra; entrance \$10. From the two-mile post once round and in.

Mr. Dorset's Pluto, 11st 1lb (Mr. Gresson) 1
Mr. Derick-Hunter's Thunderstorm, 10st 10lb (Mr. Cumming) 2
Messrs. McKie & Gore's Strathfleet, 10st 12lb (Mr. Crawford) 3
Mr. Toeg's Shannon, 11st 4lb (Mr. Jones) 0
Mr. Kingston's Bandolero, 11st 1lb (Mr. Brutton) 0
Mr. David's Strategist, 11st 2lb (Mr. Moller) 0

Thunderstorm and Pluto left the mark together, and on passing the post were joined by Shannon and the three established a lead of two lengths. This they retained until the hill was reached, when Shannon, in a most extraordinary manner, dropped to the rear. Then Thunderstorm and Pluto raced away in front to the turn. Strategist dropped back and Strathfleet went up to the leaders. A desperate race up the straight ensued between the three leaders. Mr. Gresson kept his mount going and passed the winning post in front of Thunderstorm by a neck, Strathfleet being a good third. Shannon finished several lengths behind the field. Time, 2.31.

The GARRISON CUP; presented by the Officers of the Garrison; second pony to receive \$50; for China ponies *bona fide* griffins on date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; winners 7 lbs. extra; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Toeg's Modder, 10st 9lbs (Mr. Jones) 1
Mr. J. H. Lewis' Bulbul, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Johnson) 2
Mr. G. H. Potts' Storm King, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Burkill) 3
Mr. David's Black Prince, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Moller) 0
Mr. John Pell's Ting Haou, 1st 12lbs (Mr. Gresson) 0

Ting Haou, Bulbul, with Modder on the inside, passed the stand in the van of the field, and led to the foot of the hill, where Ting Haou retired in favour of Storm King. Modder soon afterwards took command and beat Bulbul home by five lengths, Storm King being the same distance ahead of Ting Haou. Time, 2.56½.

The GERMAN CUP; presented by members of the German Club; second pony to receive half the entrance fees; for subscription griffins of this season, 1899-1900; weight for inches as per scale; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. David's Lightfoot, 10st 12lb (Mr. Moller) 1
Mr. Toeg's Orange Blossom, 1st 12lb (Mr. Wueilleimier) 2
Mr. Derick-Hunter's Rascal, 10st 12lb (Mr. Cumming) 3
Mr. Carruther's Woodpigeon, 10st 12lb (Mr. Jones) 0
Mr. Babington's The Robber, 11st 1lb (Mr. Burkill) 0
Mr. J. H. Lewis' Rover, 11st 1lb (Mr. Johnson) 0
Mr. Sepia Pando's Subsidy, 11st 4lb (Mr. Cox) 0
Mr. Tierce's Minor, 10st 12lb (Mr. Gresson) 0
Mr. Wheel-Rut's Impahla, 1st 12lb (Mr. Hart Buck) 0

For the first half mile the positions changed continuously, and it was not until the last quarter had been reached that anything took a pronounced lead. Minor then showed up prominently and with Orange Blossom entered the straight in front. Mr. David's Lightfoot dashed out of the ruck one hundred yards from home and beat Orange Blossom by half a length; two lengths divided the second and third. Time 3.02.

The NAVY CUP; presented by officers of H.M. Fleet; second pony to receive half the entrance fees; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners of one race at this meeting 5 lbs. extra; of two or more races, 7 lbs. extra; previous non-starters to carry 12 st.; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Toeg's Tiber, 11st 4lb (Mr. Jones) 1
Mr. John Peel's Beechnut, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Gresson) 2
Mr. Buxey's White Rose, 11st 1lb (Mr. Wueilleimier) 3
Mr. David's Diplomat, 10st 12lb (Mr. Moller) 0
Mr. Derick-Hunter's Emerald, 1st 1lb (Mr. Cumming) 0
Mr. Hart Buck's Désespoir, 11st 1lb (Mr. Crawford) 0
Mr. Rousseville Wildman's Thistle, 11st 1lb (Mr. Johnson) 0

Tiber and Diplomat jumped off with the lead, which they maintained to the half-mile post. There Beechnut closed up to Diplomat and came into the straight on level terms. Half way up Diplomat made a fast run, but could not get ahead of Tiber, who won by half a length from Beechnut, White Rose being one length behind, third. Time, 2.57.

The JOCKEY CUP; value \$150; second pony to receive \$50; for subscription ponies of any season, winners excluded; to be ridden by Jockeys who have not had a winning mount previous to this meeting in Hongkong or China; weight for inches as per scale entrance \$5. One mile.

Mr. Tierce's Major, 11st 4lb (Mr. Keyes) 1
Mr. Derick-Hunter's Emperor, 11st 1lb (Mr. West) 2
Mr. Sepia Pando's Subsidy, 1st 4lb (Mr. Bruce) 3
Mr. Ellis Kelly's Terra Verde, 10st 9lb (Mr. Gresson) 0
Major and Terra Verde bolted before the flag dropped, the latter going nearly half round the course before being pulled up. At the start Subsidy took the lead, but Major soon assumed command and ultimately won by two lengths. Time, 2.26.

The FLYAWAY STAKES; a sweepstakes of \$5 each with \$100 added; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; subscription ponies of any season non-winners allowed 7 lbs.; subscription ponies of any season winners allowed 3 lbs.; previous winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra. Three quarters of a mile.

Mr. Mansfield's Ace of Hearts, 11st 1lb (Mr. Walwyn) 1
Mr. G. H. Potts' Desert King, 1st 12lbs (Mr. Buckell) 2
Mr. Luxey's Standard Rose, 11st 1lb (Mr. Wueilleimier) 3
Mr. Derick-Hunter's Sand-torm, 11st 1lb (Mr. Cumming) 0

Mr Hart Buck's Esperance, 10st 6lb	(Mr. Hart Buck)	0
Sir Horace McMahon's Sartow, 10st 5lb	(Mr. Johnson)	0
Messrs. McKie & Gove's Strathdonald, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Crawford)	0
Mr. John Peel's Beechnut, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Gresson)	0
Mr. G. H. Potts' Toosin, 11st 4lb	(Mr. Moller)	0
Mr. G. H. Potts' Demon King, 11st 7lb	(Mr. Cox)	0
Mr. St. Simon's Paradox, 10st 9lb	(Mr. Anderson)	0

There were two false starts. The second time the rider of Paradox evidently thought the field were sent away and did not discover his mistake until he had gone a quarter of a mile. At the fall of the flag Ace of Hearts and Standard Rose took the lead, which they maintained for some distance. Coming into the straight Desert King passed Standard Rose and threw out a challenge to Ace of Hearts. The latter retained his lead and won by a length. Time, 2.39 1/5.

The TAI YEUK FONG CUP; value \$200; presented; second pony to receive \$50; for China ponies *bona fide* griffins on date of entry; subscription griffins weight for inches as per scale, other griffins 7 lbs. extra; previous winners 7 lbs. extra; entrance \$10. One mile and a half.

Mr. John Peel's Ting Haon, 11st 5lb	(Mr. Gresson)	1
Messrs. McKie and Gove's Strathcona, 11st 8lb	(Mr. Crawford)	2
Mr. G. H. Potts' Pirate King, 11st 8lb	(Mr. Burkill)	3
Mr. Buxey's Unique Rose, 11st 8lb	(Mr. Wueilleimier)	0
Mr. David's Enigma, 11st 8lb	(Mr. Moller)	0
Mr. G. H. Potts' Storm King, 11st 5lb	(Mr. Jones)	0

The field got away in a bunch. A furlong from the starting post Storm King took the lead, followed by Strathcona. Rounding the turn the first time Unique Rose was on the rails, Strathcona being his nearest attendant. Passing the post Strathcona assumed the lead, Ting Haon bringing up the rear. After passing the turn the latter gradually overtook the field and soon worked his way to the leaders. Coming into the straight he passed Pirate King and tackled Strathcona, and after a good struggle passed the winning post three lengths ahead of Strathcona, Pirate King being beaten to second place by a length. Time, 3.42 1/2.

The PROFESSIONAL CUP; presented; second pony to receive half the entrance fees; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners at this meeting of one race 5 lbs. extra; of two races 7 lbs. extra; and of three or more races 10 lbs. extra; non-starters at this meeting excluded; entrance \$10. One mile and a half.

Mr. Buxey's Rose de France, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Wueilleimier)	1
Mr. Dryasdust's Sinbad, 10st 9lb	(Mr. Johnson)	2
Mr. Derick-Hunter's Charger, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Cumming)	3
Mr. Kingston's Bandolero, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Brutton)	0
Mr. John Peel's Corbie, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Gresson)	0
Mr. G. H. Potts' Forest King, 11st 4lb	(Mr. Burkill)	0

Forest King got away first and led out of the straight. Down the hill the first time round he was followed by Rose de France. On passing the post the latter led the field, Charger being his nearest attendant, with Forest King virtually beaten. The same order was observed until arriving at the three-quarter mile post and Charger then took charge with Sinbad second. At the quarter mile whips were brought into play. Turning into the straight the order was Charger, Sinbad and Rose de France. The last named then began to forge ahead, and showing a good burst of speed passed the post a winner by four lengths, Sinbad being second and Charger third. Time, 3.33 1/2.

The GYM KHANA STAKES; value \$200; presented by the Gymkhana Committee, added to a

sweepstakes of \$5 each; for subscription ponies of any season; winners and previous non-starters excluded; first pony to receive 70 per cent.; second, 20 per cent.; third, 10 per cent. weight for inches as per scale. One mile.

Mr. Buxey's China Rose, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Wueilleimier)	1 1/2
Mr. F. H. May's Tom Thumb, 10st 6lb	(Mr. Crawford)	1 1/2
Mr. Wheel-Rut's Impahla, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Hart Buck)	3
Mr. Alexander's Cocktail, 11st 4lb	(Mr. Brutton)	0
Capt. Bancroft's Cossack, 11st 1lb	(Mr. Johnson)	0
Mr. Carruther's Woodpigeon, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Burkill)	0
Mr. Derick-Hunter's Rescue, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Cumming)	0
Mr. Ellis Kelly's Terra Verde, 10st 9lb	(Mr. Moller)	0
Mr. Magpie's Tartar, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Jones)	0
Sir Horace McMahon's Sartow, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Walwyn)	0
Mr. Wayfoong's Reserve, 10st 12lb	(Mr. Cox)	0

Tartar kept the field waiting at the post for several minutes. At the start he jumped off first, and kept his position to the back of the course. Sartow then displaced him only to give way to China Rose and Tom Thumb. This pair began to race in real earnest, Impahla taking part in the struggle. They came around the bend into the straight neck an neck. Every effort was made by the three riders, and after a most exciting set-to Tom Thumb and China Rose passed the post locked together. The judge was unable to separate them and declared the result a dead heat. Impahla was only a neck away third. Time, 2.25.

THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY.

If the spirit of true sportsmen is not inculcated into the colony's rising generation the fault will not lie at the door of those responsible for its conduct. To dissociate a certain amount of gambling from the Sport of Kings is almost an impossibility, but in no part of the universe are monetary conditions sacrificed so freely for the love of it as in what is decidedly one of the very few British Colonies that can boast of conducting all its sporting clubs on a basis absolutely devoid of professionalism.

Under the careful guidance of those who jealously guard the best interests of the colony and its people, all the baneful influences identified with ordinary racing are guarded against, and the sport is as harmless as it is healthful. Recognising this, every section of the community sends its representatives to the gathering and the magnificent attendance of yesterday is therefore no cause for wonder. The morning was beautifully fine and as the day advanced more of what is commonly called Queen's weather prevailed. Those who had attended on the previous days, when the climatic conditions were anything but favourable, were better able to appreciate the excellence of the general arrangements, and a great number of those who had reserved themselves for Champion Day expressed their surprise at the completeness of every detail. The ladies were in attendance in even larger numbers than on Wednesday, and full advantage was taken of the promenade. The scene there, especially after tiffin, was particularly bright and entertaining, and reminded one of many glorious days spent on pretty courses in rural England. A band from the fleet discoursed excellent music, and everything harmonised with the holiday garb that Dame Nature had adopted for the occasion. With an evident desire to participate to the fullest extent in the day's enjoyment, His Excellency the Governor arrived some time before the first race, which started promptly at twelve o'clock. Out of the field of eight Desert King was the only one that had previously scored a winning bracket at the meeting, and added to his reputation by easily defeating Thunderstorm, whose chances of starting for the Champion were thereby rendered very remote. Mr. Pogson, whose luck had been singularly bad, had the satisfaction of leading home the winner of the Chinese Club Cup, and later on in the afternoon repeated the operation. His success was very gratifying, and

when the dual winner, Orange Blossom, was led past the stand, his popular owner received quite a reception.

Mr. J. J. Bell-Irving's Challenge Cup, an event that needs to be won twice by ponies the *bona fide* property of the one owner before it passes from the club trust, attracted nine competitors. Strategist and Pirate King were delegated to do duty for this season's griffins, but Shannon re-established his reputation by winning with ridiculous ease. The race was run under different conditions to the one in which the winner shaped so badly yesterday, and this fact may account for the improved form.

Shannon is essentially a stayer, and it is said that he objects to being hustled in the early part of a race. This idea was to some extent dispelled by the manner in which he responded to Mr. Moller's calls in the race for the Champion. He was taken to the front at the fall of the flag, and made the pace so hot that long before the hill was reached three parts of the field were in trouble. His apparently inconsistent running caused a good deal of unfavourable comment. The Ladies' Purse invariably attracts the attention of those for whom it is specially intended, and to-day's event was no exception to the rule. Eight owners were ambitious to win the coveted favour which eventually fell to the lot of the John Peel stable, represented by Mr. Gresson on Beechnut. Miss Powell presented the prize, and in return was made the recipient of a magnificent bouquet.

Orange Blossom made his first appearance in different hands in the "Blake" Challenge Cup, and although carrying a seven pound penalty for his earlier win, successfully stalled off his six opponents, and won handsomely by three lengths. Mr. Buxey appropriately annexed the Parsee Cup, and the subsequent race gave Thunderstorm his first win. Contrary to expectation the Consolation Stakes fell to Mr. Rounseville Wildman's Thistle, the favourite. Dot Rose, finishing second, and Charger third.

The field for the Champion Stakes included all the local celebrities, the only absence of any real consequence being the winner of the seventh race, Pluto, Modder and Shannon were a conspicuous trio, and commanded the most respect. The latter's restiveness at the post brought about several false starts, and on each occasion Pluto was the first to break the line. When they were despatched Shannon bounded away to the front and led past the stand by several lengths, Pluto being his nearest attendant. At the three quarter post the field formed itself into processional order. Shannon continued to make the pace and was not caught until he had cleared the hill. Modder, his stable companion, then closed on to his quarters, and Pluto momentarily improved his position. The leading pair raced together to the bottom of the back stretch and it looked as if the struggle would resolve itself into a duel between Mr. Toeg's candidates. Modder appeared to have a little the best of it, until he suddenly broke off towards the bottom of the track. Before his rider could straighten him all his chance had vanished, and although he came after his field like a bolt from the blue it was of no avail. Once in the straight Pluto set sail after Shannon and gradually decreasing the gap won on the post by a length, and Thunderstorm got up in time to wrest second honours from Shannon. The other runners had closed up in the last furlong, but were apparently outclassed. Mr. Gresson, who has secured more winning brackets than any other rider at the meeting, was loudly cheered on returning to scale. Modder's performance was a particularly striking one, and the champion of yesterday will have to look to his laurels when he again measures strides with the pony named after the scene of one of our South African disasters. The last race was won in good style by Sartow, and the day's proceedings were brought to a close just before dusk. As a racing and a social function the meeting so far has been an unqualified success. The officials have been indefatigable in their efforts, and have the satisfaction of knowing that they have successfully catered for a thoroughly appreciative attendance.

Appended are the detailed results of the racing.

The GRAND STAND STAKES; value \$200; second pony to receive \$50; third \$25; for China ponies *bond fide* griffins on date of entry; winners of one race 5 lbs. extra; of two races 7 lbs. extra; and of three or more races 9 lbs. extra; subscription griffins non-winners allowed 5 lbs.; entrance \$5. Once round.

Mr. G. H. Potts' Desert King, 11st 3lb (Mr. Burkill) 1
Mr. Derick-Hunter's Thunderstorm, 11st 1lb (Mr. Cumming) 2
Mr. Buxey's Dot Rose, 10st 6lb (Mr. Wueilleimier) 3
Mr. David's Enigma, 11st 1lb (Mr. Moller) 0
Sir Horace McMahon's Lukong, 11st 4lb (Mr. Walwyn) 0
Messrs. McKie & Gove's Strathcona, 11st 1lb (Mr. Crawford) 0
Messrs. McKie & Gove's Strathdonald, 11st 1lb (Mr. Cox) 0
Mr. John Peel's Kingfisher, 11st 1lb (Mr. Gresson) 0

Enigma jumped off with the lead, which he retained to the turn. Desert King and Thunderstorm then closed up. The other leaders raced together into the straight. One hundred yards from home Desert King and Thunderstorm forged a lead, and the race from this point was virtually a match between the two ponies. Desert King passed the post two lengths ahead of Thunderstorm. Time, 2 05 1/2.

The CHINESE CLUB CUP; presented; second pony to receive half the entrance fees; for subscription griffins of this season, 1899-1900; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners 7 lbs. extra; penalties accumulative; entrance \$5. One mile.

Mr. Pogose's Orange Blossom, 10st 12lb (Mr. Wueilleimier) 1
Mr. Wheel-Rut's Impahla, 10st 12lb (Mr. Hart Buck) 2
Mr. F. H. May's Tom Thumb, 10st 13lb (Mr. Crawford) 3
Mr. Babington's The Robber, 11st 8lb (Mr. Burkill) 0
Capt. Bancroft's Cossack, 11st 1lb (Mr. Johnson) 0
Mr. Carruther's Woodpigeon, 10st 12lb (Mr. Cruickshank) 0
Mr. David's Lightfoot, 11st 3lb (Mr. Moller) 0
Mr. Derick-Hunter's Rascal, 11st 5lb (Mr. Cumming) 0
Mr. J. H. Lewis' Pover, 11st 1lb (Mr. Jones) 0
Sir Horace McMahon's Sartow, 10st 12lb (Mr. Walwyn) 0
Mr. Tierce's Major, 11st 11lb (Mr. Gresson) 0
Mr. Wayfoong's Reserve, 10st 12lb (Mr. Cox) 0

Lightfoot and Major were the first to show in front, but Impahla rushed through on the rail and took the lead at the turn. At the back several of the ponies were bunched. Orange Blossom tackled Impahla at the quarter post and his colours appeared in the van when the ponies were settled in the straight. Taking the best of the running he stalled off Impahla's final rush and won by a length. The stable mates Sartow and Cossack whipped in the field. Time, 2 23 1/5.

The CHALLENGE CUP; presented by J. J. Bell-Irving, Esq; value 100 guineas; for China ponies; to be won two years consecutively by a pony or ponies the *bond fide* property of the same owner; first pony to receive 70 per cent.; second, 20 per cent.; and third, 10 per cent. of entrance fees; weight for inches as per scale; entrance (forced) \$5, but optional to subscription griffins of this season, 1899-1900. One mile and three quarters.

Mr. Toeg's Shannon, 11st 4lb (Mr. Jones) 1
Mr. Dryasdust's Sinbad, 10st 9lb (Mr. Johnson) 2
Mr. David's Strategist, 11st 7lb (Mr. Moller) 3
Capt. Bancroft's Yellow Dwarf, 10st 9lb (Mr. Walwyn) 0
Mr. Derick-Hunter's Charger, 11st 1lb (Mr. Cumming) 0
Mr. Dryasdust's Beechwood, 10st 12lb (Mr. Cox) 0
Messrs. McKie and Gove's Strathfleet, 10st 12lb (Mr. Crawford) 0

Mr. John Peel's Corbie, 11st 1lb (Mr. Gresson) 0
Mr. G. H. Potts' Pirate King, 11st 1lb (Mr. Burkill) 0

At the fall of the flag Shannon jumped off with the lead, followed by Beechwood. At the half mile post Shannon increased his lead to twelve lengths and going on resolutely made a gallop of twenty lengths from Beechwood, who dropped back. Shannon lead into the straight followed by Sinbad, Passing the post Shannon led by eight lengths. At the back Shannon had a lead of two lengths, the field stringing out. Coming into the straight Shannon led by two lengths from Sinbad, and, improving his position, won in a common canter by five lengths. Strate gist being thirty lengths behind Sinbad. Time, 4 09 1/5.

The LADIES' PUZZLE; presented; for all China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners at this meeting other than subscription griffins 7 lbs. extra; unplaced ponies allowed 5 lbs.; previous non-starters at this meeting 12 lbs. extra; entrance \$5. Once round.

Mr. John Peel's Beechnut, 10st 12lb (Mr. Gresson) 1
Mr. Buxey's Standard Rose, 11st 1lb (Mr. Wueilleimier) 2
Mr. David's Diplomat, 10st 12lb (Mr. Moller) 3
Capt. Bancroft's Yellow Dwarf, 10st 5lb (Mr. Johnson) 0
Mr. Derick-Hunter's Tube Rose, 11st 4lb (Mr. Cumming) 0
Mr. Hart Buck's Esperance, 10st 13lb (Mr. Hart Buck) 0
Mr. Mansfield's Ace of Hearts, 11st 1lb (Mr. Walwyn) 0
Mr. G. H. Potts' Demon King, 11st 7lb (Mr. Burkill) 0

At the fall of the flag the field got away well together. On reaching the half-mile post Beechnut, Standard Rose and Diplomat were locked together. At the turn into the straight Diplomat was first, with Beechnut and Standard Rose close up. Coming on Beechnut and Standard Rose began to race stride for stride. After a desperate finish Beechnut was landed a winner by half a head, four lengths dividing them from the third pony. Time, 2 04.

The "BLAKE" CHALLENGE CUP; presented by His Excellency Sir Henry A. Blake, G. M. G.; for subscription griffins of this season 1899-1900; to be won twice by ponies the *bond fide* property of the same owner or owners; first pony to receive 70 per cent. of the entrance fees; second 20 per cent.; third 10 per cent.; weight for inches as per scale; winner of the Valley Stakes and/or German Cup 4 lbs. extra; winners of any other races 7 lbs. extra; penalties accumulative up to 14 lbs.; entrance fee \$10. One mile.

Mr. Pogose's Orange Blossom, 11st 5lb (Mr. Jones) 1
Mr. F. H. May's Tom Thumb, 10st 13lb (Mr. Crawford) 2
Mr. Wheel-Rut's Impahla, 10st 12lb (Mr. Hart Buck) 3
Mr. Tierce's Minor, 11st 3lb (Mr. Gresson) 0
Mr. Alexander's Cocktail, 11st 4lb (Mr. Brutton) 0
Mr. Buxey's China Rose, 11st 3lb (Mr. Wueilleimier) 0
Mr. Darius' Aurora, 11st 1lb (Mr. Moller) 0

Passing the Judge's stand the first time Impahla had the lead and maintained it to the half-mile post. The Robber and Orange Blossom then joined the leader and the three raced up the hill on even terms. At the quarter-mile Orange Blossom forged a length ahead, and coming into the straight increased his lead, finally winning by five lengths. Time, 2 21 1/4.

The PARKER CUP; presented; second pony to receive \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners of one race at this meeting 5 lbs. extra; of two or more races 7 lbs. extra; unplaced ponies allowed 5 lbs.; entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr. Buxey's White Rose, 11st 1lb (Mr. Wueilleimier) 1
Mr. Rounsevelle Wildman's Thistle, 10st 10lb (Mr. Johnson) 2
Mr. Mansfield's Ace of Hearts, 11st 1lb (Mr. Walwyn) 3
Mr. David's Black Prince, 10st 12lb (Mr. Moller) 0
Mr. Derick-Hunter's Emerald, 11st 1lb (Mr. Cumming) 0

Mr. Hart Buck's Desespoir, 10st 10lb (Mr. Hart Buck) 0
Messrs. McKie & Gove's Strathfleet, 10st 12lb (Mr. Crawford) 0
Mr. G. H. Potts' Forest King, 11st 13lb (Mr. Burkill) 0

Mr. Toeg's Tiber, 11st 9lb (Mr. Jones) 0
Tiber, Forest King and Thistle led the way past the post the first time. At the half mile Desespoir, Forest King and Tiber were together. Down the hill Forest King and Tiber led, Ace of Hearts moving up. White Rose then displaced the leaders and came into the straight ahead. White Rose answered the call of his rider, and won by four lengths, a similar distance dividing the second and third. Time, 2 16 1/4.

The PHANTOM STAKES, value \$250; second pony to receive 70 per cent. of entrance fees; third 30 per cent.; for China ponies *bond fide* griffins on date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners at this meeting 5 lbs. extra; penalties accumulative; unplaced ponies allowed 5 lbs.; subscription griffins of the season, 1899-1900, allowed 7 lbs.; entrance \$5. From the two-mile post once round and in.

Mr. Derick-Hunter's Thunderstorm, 11st 1lb (Mr. Cumming) 1
Mr. Buxey's Unique Rose, 10st 10lb (Mr. Wueilleimier) 2
Mr. David's Diplomat, 10st 1lb (Mr. Moller) 3
Mr. Babington's The Robber, 10st 13lb (Mr. Johnson) 0
Messrs. McKie & Gove's Strathcona, 11st 1lb (Mr. Crawford) 0
Mr. John Peel's Ling Haou, 11st 3lb (Mr. Gresson) 0
Mr. G. H. Potts' Storm King, 10st 12lb (Mr. Burkill) 0

On arriving at the turn Diplomat and Thunderstorm were leading the field. Past the three quarter post Thunderstorm was in the van by six lengths. He maintained his position to the half mile, with Diplomat second, Ting Haou improving his position. He failed to catch the leader, and suddenly fell back, having shot his bolt. Thunderstorm came into the straight first. Unique Rose then moved forward, running strong, but could not get up with Thunderstorm, who won by two lengths, three lengths dividing second and third. Time, 2 32.

The CONSOLATION STAKES; a sweepstakes of \$5 each with \$150 added; second pony to receive \$10; for beaten China ponies at this meeting; weight for inches as per scale. Once round.

Mr. Rounsevelle Wildman's Thistle, 11st 1lb (Mr. Johnson) 1
Mr. Buxey's Standard Rose, 11st 1lb (Mr. Wueilleimier) 2
Mr. Derick-Hunter's Charger, 11st 1lb (Mr. Cumming) 3
Mr. Buxey's Dot Rose, 10st 6lb (Mr. Crawford) 0
Mr. R. B. Johnson's Wizard, 11st 1lb (Mr. Walwyn) 0
Mr. John Peel's Corbie, 11st 1lb (Mr. Cruickshank) 0
Mr. G. A. Potts' Demon King, 11st 7lb (Mr. Hart Buck) 0
Mr. G. A. Potts' Tocsin, 11st 4lb (Mr. Cox) 0
Mr. St. Simon's Paradox, 10st 9lb (Mr. West) 0

Mr. St. Simon's Seafog, 11st 4lb (Mr. Anderson) 0
On leaving the straight Demon King and Seafog were leading, the former forging ahead of the field by eight lengths at the quarter mile post. Wizard then moved up, Demon King falling back in the rack. Standard Rose, Thistle and Charger led at the distance post. From this point Thistle forged ahead and won by a length. Time, 2 02 1/4.

The CHAMPION STAKES; with \$500 added; for China ponies winners at this meeting only; a forced entry; entrance \$20; winner of two races \$30; of three or more \$50; weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Dorset's Pluto, 11st 1lb (Mr. Gresson) 1
Mr. Hunter's Sandstorm, 11st 1lb (Mr. Cumming) 2
Mr. Toeg's Shannon, 11st 4lb (Mr. Moller) 3
Mr. Peel's Beechnut, 10st 13lb (Mr. Cruickshank) 0
Mr. Buxey's Rose de France, 10st 12lb (Mr. Wueilleimier) 0

Mr. Toeg's Modder, 10st 9lb (Mr. Jones) 0
 Mr. Peet's Pilgrim 11st 1lb (Mr. Crawford) 0
 Mr. Potts' Desert King, 10st 13lb (Mr. Burkill) 0
 Mr. Hart Buck's Esperanza, 10st 7lb (Mr. Hart Buck) 0

Mr. Lewis' Bulbul, 10st 12lb (Mr. Johnson) 0
 Several false starts were made. Pluto breaking the line each time Shannon was very restive at the post, but when the flag was sent off he bolted to the front, followed by Pluto. Shannon led out of the straight and the field formed itself into a procession, Pluto being second. Shannon continued to lead until the hill was reached, when Modder dashed up alongside. Coming down the hill Modder ran out in the most peculiar manner, but directly dashed back to his field. Pluto then took command, and, responding gamely, landed the coveted Championship by three lengths, Shannon being displaced by Sandstorm for second place. Time, 2.48½.

The NILDSPERANDUM STAKE; a Sweepstakes of \$5 each with \$50 added; second pony to receive \$50; Third pony \$25; for beaten subscription griffins of this season, 1899-1900. weight for inches as per scale. Half a mile.

Sir Horace McMahon's Sartow, 10st 12lb (Mr. Waiwyn) 1
 Capt. Bancroft's Cossack, 11st 1lb (Mr. Johnson) 2
 Mr. Sepia Pando's Subsidy, 11st 4lb (Mr. Cox) 3
 Mr. Darius' Aurora, 11st 1lb (Mr. Morder) 0
 Mr. Derick-Hunter's Rescue, 10st 12lb (Mr. Cumming) 0
 Mr. Ellis Kelly's Terra Verde, 10st 9lb (Mr. Wucilleimier) 0
 Mr. Magpie's Tartar, 10st 12lb (Mr. Jones) 0
 Mr. G. H. Potts' Snow King, 11st 1lb (Mr. Burkill) 0
 Mr. Wayfoong's Reserve, 1st 12lb (Mr. Gresson) 0
 Mr. Wheel-Rut's Impahla, 1st 12lb (Mr. Hart Buck) 0

When the ponies jumped off Sartow took the lead and retained his position to the post, winning easily by four lengths. Time, 6½.

FOOTBALL.

The Shield and eleven gold medals are now on view at Messrs. Falconer and Co., Queen's Road Central. The medals are shield shape, of fifteen carat gold, and will form a worthy memento of the competition.

The sixth Annual Dinner of the Hongkong Football Club will be held on Saturday, March 24th.

On the 17th inst. B. Company played H. Company of the Welsh Fusiliers in the semi-final Association Football match for the Hongkong Challenge Shield. The game was well contested but H. company proved victorious by two goals to one.

MARINE ENGINEERS' F.C. v. SHANGHAI F.C.

As is the final for the English Cup to England, so is the Marine Engineers' F.C. and the Shanghai F.C. to Shanghai—it has attained to the dignity of a classic, and to some extent holds the savour of an international game since the Engineers' side many, if not all, the players are Scotsmen. Thus it attracts a large number of spectators, more particularly when, as on Saturday afternoon, the sun shone brightly in a clear, crisp air. The attendance was large, and included a number of ladies.

The game went to the Engineers for good reasons. They played with better combination, and were quicker on the ball. Shanghai with all the pluck and determination in the world, were outdone by greater skill. The Engineers won the toss, and chose the Grand Stand end.

The winners of the toss started with the wind in their favour. They took the ball down to the Shanghai end, and, though sometimes it flickered up the ground and twice Shanghai came near scoring, most of the play was with the Engineers. Five times in the first half the ball entered the Shanghai net, with the result that, since two of these were disallowed, the score at half-time was three goals to nil. Welch, the Shanghai goalkeeper, played well, and was

well guarded by Evans and Courtenay as backs, but combination told against them. On the other side W. S. Campbell played admirably.

After the interval Shanghai pressed strongly—so well, in fact, that their captain, A. E. Lanning, scored a goal for them. They could not sustain the advantage thus temporarily gained, however, and shortly afterwards the Engineers notched another point. The game finished thus, the score standing:—

Marine Engineers	Goals.
Shanghai F.C.	4
	1

The match over, the players went to the Marine Engineers' Institute, and there, with toasts and cheering, the cup was handed over to the winners by the President, Mr. J. Prentice. —N. C. Daily News.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

8TH CLUB RACE.

18th February, 1900.

Course 8.—Starters A class 2, 3, 7, 8, 9; B class 10 and 11. Wind, north at the start. The Doreen went off with a lead at the start closely followed by the Bonito and Maid Marian, but on nearing the Channel Rocks the boats were becalmed for about 20 minutes. Gloria and Iris then caught a light south air and ran away to where an easterly wind appeared to be starting, and rounded the rocks well ahead of the rest of the fleet. The two second class boats had in the meantime caught up to the A class, and at the Kowloon Rock they were all in a bunch. Gloria was round first, then Maid Marian and Iris, with Meteor close up. When nearing Meyer's buoy, which had three or four junks attached to it, a fresh east wind was blowing and it was expected that the boats would have a good time for the rest of the race, but it only lasted during the beat up to Channel Rocks the second time, where Doreen, by a judicious tack to the north, had got into first place, with Meteor second and Iris third. At Kowloon Rock the wind was light again and the rest of the fleet had closed up a bit. In the run to Meyer's buoy Meteor went into first place and Bonito and the Maid, getting a fresh puff, caught Iris just before rounding. It was a drift to the finish and the following were the times of crossing the line:—

A CLASS		Marks.		Total to date.	
Doreen	4 33 7	10		14	
Maid Marian	4 35 46	4		39	
Bonito	4 46 56	1		31	
Gloria	4 48 37	0		0	
Iris	4 59 16	0		23	
Chanticleer				9	
Active					
Erica					
B CLASS					
Meteor	4 32 21	10		42	
Dart	4 47 48	4		49	
Gazelle	5 19 25	1		2	
Ladybird				19	
Payne				6	

BOXING.

A Boxing Contest for the Heavy Weight Championship of Hongkong and \$200 a-side came off at the Theatre Royal City Hall, on the 21st inst. The participants were Corporal Ben Hugh, of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and J. Reilly, of the United States Navy. Three exhibition spars preceded the main events, the pairs being J. Howa and W. Barker (H.M.S. Brisk), T. Winkler (U.S. Baltimore) and F. Playlay (U.S. Monadnock), and F. Howard (Hongkong) and W. Bratt (H.M.S. Centurion). The event of the evening was nominally for 15 rounds, under Queensberry Rules, but the American, who looked much bigger and heavier than his opponent, in a very short time upset the hopes of the Welshman's backers by knocking him out in the first round. Reilly's victory was enthusiastically received by the large numbers of Americans present. The winner was challenged by a representative of the British navy, and it is to be hoped that the match can be arranged. There was a good attendance in the house, and the management of the show was admirable.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of the shareholders in the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was held on the 17th inst., at noon at the City Hall. Mr. R. M. Gray presided. The other gentlemen present were:—Messrs. N. A. Siebs, E. Goetz, A. Haupt, Hon. J. J. Keswick, Messrs. D. M. Moses, A. J. Raymond, P. Sachse, R. Shewan and R. L. Richardson (directors), Sir Thomas Jackson (Chief Manager), Messrs. G. Stewart, V. A. Caesar Hawkins, G. de Champeaux, A. Coutts, J. C. Peter, R. T. Wright, R. H. Bruce, Lau Wai Chun, P. Jordan, F. Hohnke, C. J. Gonsalves, K. A. Chinoy, D. D. Ginzdar, S. B. Bhabha, A. G. Wood, E. A. S. Wheeler, J. H. Cox, A. Sharp, E. Ezekiel, C. Palmer, P. A. Barlow, E. S. Joseph, J. Ezekiel, J. H. Michael, J. R. Michael, W. S. Bamsey, G. H. Potts, Erich Georg, W. H. Gaskell, J. S. Van Buren, W. Gresson, G. Murray Bain, J. M. S. Alves, W. Lysaught, R. W. Mansfield, Captain Tillet, J. Peireid, F. Noble, G. H. Sexton, etc.

Sir THOMAS JACKSON read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN read the report of the Board of Directors.

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, it is with much pleasure that the directors have to wait upon you again with another good report, in which they can recommend a dividend of £1 10s. per share, place \$500,000 to reserve, carry forward \$960,343.56 to new profit and loss account, while at the same time giving a bonus of 10s. a share. The profits on the Chinese and Japanese loans, alluded to at the last meeting, are included in the present accounts, and have enabled us to place before you a more satisfactory statement than otherwise we would have been able to do. Earnings of all eastern banks during the past half year have been seriously curtailed by the advance in the value of money in England and on the continent, a contingency which the meagre margins then ruling in exchange did not make any allowance for. Good will no doubt come out of the experience of the past six months; it is not likely that banks will again place themselves in such a position that any increase in the home value of money will turn an apparent profit into actual loss. It is to be hoped that more suitable margins will be maintained in future than have ruled in the past, and that a Bank of England rate of 6 per cent. and a market rate of 6½ per cent. will not soon be forgotten. We, in common with other eastern banks, have recently gone back to the rate of interest of 4 per cent. for twelve months fixed deposits in London; the increased value of money and its prospects in the future making such a step necessary in our opinion. It will be noticed that on the 31st December our sterling fixed deposits stood at £4,294,675 against £3,313,626 on the 30th June, while our current accounts in gold showed a decrease of £875,711, same being caused by some of the Chinese Government funds we had in current account having been transferred to fixed deposit account, otherwise the figures on the 31st December would have resembled very closely those of the previous half-year. Fixed deposits and current accounts in silver on the 31st December were \$2,519,394 more than they were on the 30th June; the increase can only be accounted for by the natural expansion of our business which has recently been going on, aided by the improved, and still improving, credit of the Bank. Our note circulation was \$979,979 less on the 31st December than it was at the close of the previous half-year. The process of withdrawing our notes in the Straits in favour of the Government circulation has so far been a slow one. It is evident that Ordinance No. 1 of 1899, which gives us power to issue any amount of notes we may find necessary against a deposit of coin, will have to be renewed from year to year. Under said Ordinance our note circulation is on a sound and satisfactory footing, both as regards the Colonial Government, the public, and the Bank itself. It may seem an unprofitable undertaking to have to look up dollar for dollar against our excess note circulation. However, we do not want any modification of the Ordinance, we consider its provisions prudent and reasonable.

An inflated note circulation insufficiently secured would be highly undesirable in the interests of all concerned. Both bills payable and bills receivable show an increase on last year's figures; the latter of no less than \$12,634,351, a very satisfactory item. Cash in hand is less by \$10,171,484 than it was on the 30th June. This is mainly accounted for by the great scarcity of silver at the northern ports towards the end of the year. The deficiency was in part made good by an increase of \$5,251,038 under the heading of "Bullion in hand and in transit." Referring to the recent scarcity of silver in the north of China it is noteworthy that a similar scarcity of the circulating medium has occurred in India, and the Government have had to buy silver extensively for coinage into rupees. It has not recently been a question in India of how to accumulate a gold reserve, but how to supply a sufficiency of silver coins for the requirements of the inhabitants of that great dependency. The day has gone by for discussing the desirability of melting down rupees, and thus, by creating a scarcity of currency, bolstering up exchange. Happily the expanding trade of the country has rendered such nostrums unnecessary. Our holdings of rupee paper have increased slightly, say \$740,547. It is necessary for the bank to keep a good amount of rupee paper in hand in order to facilitate the operations of our Indian agencies. Our holdings, if realized now, would show a large profit on what they stand at in our books. (Applause.) Colonial and other securities stand at \$3,619,752 against \$2,181,165 in the previous report, an increase of \$1,438,587 during the half-year. These securities were written down on the 31st December to the low values ruling on that date, since when a considerable improvement has taken place; it is not intended to increase our holdings under this heading. Our investments remain exactly as given in the last report; my remarks upon them when I last had the pleasure of addressing you leave me nothing to say on this occasion, except that notwithstanding the severe fall that has of late taken place in the market value of securities of the highest class, taking exchange at 2s, they were worth on the 31st December £99,556 more than they stand in our books, and on the 12th inst. £113,965. It is not our intention to alter these securities in any way. When we formed our reserve of one million sterling we wrote down the stocks representing same to a figure that would leave us independent of any reasonable fluctuations which might subsequently take place. The wisdom of our adopting such a course then has since been fully borne out. The \$500,000 which we now propose to add to the reserve fund brings the total up to \$1,500,000. It is proposed on the next occasion to divide this fund by calling the £1,000,000 representing the reserve fund, and in London as sterling reserve fund, the \$1,500,000, which the accounts will show after this report is passed, with all subsequent additions, silver reserve fund. We will then virtually have our capital of ten millions in dollars; our sterling reserve ten millions of dollars (representing nominally one million sterling, but in reality a good deal more), and a silver reserve fund of \$1,500,000. Bills discounted loans and credits. There is a reduction of \$4,092,188 under this heading against an increase in bills receivable of \$12,634,351. This is evidence of the fact that during the half-year more of our funds were employed in exchange operations than in local advances. Bank premises, after the provision on the 30th June of \$250,000, stood at \$71,610. In the present report they stand at \$219,435.96. The increase represents payment on account of new premises erected at Peking and Rangoon. We are about to erect new bank premises at Hiogo—our present office there being much too small for our requirements. This is not the place to discuss the effect of the present unhappy war upon the political situation in China. I have already referred to its effect upon exchange banking in creating dear money in Europe. It only remains to add that the work of introducing international capital into China for the better development of her great natural resources has been brought almost to a standstill by the same cause. But, notwithstanding the check that progress in China thus receives, the country's tremendous commercial vitality continues to assert itself, and the revenue of

the Imperial Maritime Customs will, I venture to predict, show a considerable increase upon former years. The trade of China generally has increased, and, in particular, the trade of North China. Perhaps this is the most striking feature of the period under review. I desire to draw special attention to the great and growing dimensions of trade with the northern ports, as its full significance is apt to be overlooked. In viewing the figures of the China trade it seems to be largely taken for granted that foreign goods shipped to Shanghai are almost all destined for that vague region popularly designated the Yangtze Valley, and the importance of the fact that a very large proportion of the imports thus described in shipping returns are destined for the northern ports is not sufficiently appreciated. Yet it is just this branch of the China Trade—the trade between Shanghai, Tientsin, Chefoo and Newchwang—that has grown more than any other, of recent years, and latterly it has been specially stimulated by the successful working of the imperial railways of North China, the recent extension of which to Newchwang—tapping the great granary of Manchuria—already gives promise of developing a new and most important trade interest. The avidity with which the advantages of rapid communication and cheap transport have been seized upon in Chihli augurs well for the future of railway enterprise in other provinces, indeed for all genuine progressive enterprise, carrying with it undoubted benefits to the people of the country. Progress is slow, but there is progress, and though, as I have just said, it is checked at the moment, we may confidently hope that the position will soon improve, that the elements of prosperity in China will more and more tend to combine, and that a period of commercial expansion on a large scale will set in. From the resulting increase in the volume of trade, this bank, like all other institutions whose interests are largely identified with the welfare of China, may hope to reap its full share of benefit. With regard to the management and our staff generally, the results of last year speak eloquently enough to require little further addition from me. The directors have thought fit to emphasize their appreciation of the work done, by voting a bonus of ten per cent. on the salaries of the staff, in which action they are confident of having your full approval. During the summer months our Chief Manager will take a six months' trip to Europe, and his post will be temporarily occupied by Mr. H. M. Bevis, who has been appointed to act as chief manager in his absence, and who is expected shortly from home. It must be a great satisfaction to Sir Thomas Jackson, as it is to the directors, and I am sure also to the shareholders generally, that by his good management he is able to hand over for the time being the affairs of the Bank in such a strong and sound position. The past six months have not been by any means plain sailing, and required a prudent and experienced hand at the helm. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be happy to answer any questions.

No questions being asked, the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report.

Mr. J. H. Cox said—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, we have all listened with very great attention to the remarks you have been able to make with regard to the splendid report the directors have been able to lay before us regarding the working of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation during the past year. It shows a magnificent result on the profit and loss account of over \$3,118,000. The manner in which the directors propose to appropriate the profits will meet with our hearty approval, especially so as you have given us the usual dividend and given us a bonus of 10s. more. It is highly satisfactory to us to know that our investments show an increased value of over £91,000 at the present time beyond the book value on 31st December last, and we learn also with satisfaction that the reserve fund of one million sterling in London cannot be altered by any reasonable fluctuations in the value of securities, the securities having been written down to a low, safe value so as to avoid any alteration in the accounts. The bonus to the European staff of this Corporation here and elsewhere will, I am sure, meet with the full approval of all shareholders present and absent, for we all know that for many years past the Hongkong and Shang-

hai Banking Corporation staff has been most painstaking and obliging. Whilst we always like to have with us our esteemed and capable and I may say most illustrious Chief Manager, Sir Thomas Jackson, we do certainly approve and are delighted to know that he is going to take a six months' holiday. We trust that he and Lady Jackson and family will enjoy themselves wherever they go, and like some of our civil servants that he will ask for a further extension, and I have no doubt it will be granted to him—we are so fond of him. (Applause.) Most of us know Mr Bevis very well. We shall be glad to see him here in Sir Thomas Jackson's absence. We have every confidence in him that he will be able to carry on the Bank successfully during the time he is in charge. With these few remarks, Mr Chairman, I beg to second the adoption of the report and passing of the accounts. (Applause.)

The motion was carried.

Mr CHAMPEAUX proposed the confirmation of the appointments of Messrs. D. M. Moses and R. L. Richardson to the Board of Directors.

Mr J STEWART seconded, and the motion was carried.

Mr VAN BUREN proposed the re-election of Messrs. A. Haupt, A. McConachie and P. Sachse as directors.

Mr. GRESSON seconded, and the motion was carried.

On the motion of Mr. MURRAY BAIN, seconded by Mr. R. H. BRUCE, Messrs. F. Henderson and C. S. Sharp were elected auditors.

Mr WHEELER said—I beg to propose a hearty vote of thanks to the directors, the Chief Manager and staff of the Hongkong Bank. I do not think there is any occasion for me to make any remark in asking you to accord a hearty vote of thanks. Mr. Cox has taken the wind out of my sails as far as management is concerned. The Chairman has told us that during the past half-year they have had some difficulties, which they have not previously had to contend with, and in spite of these difficulties they come before us with one of the good reports for which the Bank has now become famous. I think, gentlemen, for reports of this sort, the directors and manager of the Bank deserve our heartiest thanks. I am sure we shall give them to them. (Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN—Mr. Wheeler and gentlemen, on behalf of the Chief Manager and the staff generally, I thank you very heartily for your vote of thanks. Dividend warrants will be ready on Monday.

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

The fourteenth ordinary annual general meeting of the Humphreys' Estate and Finance Company, Ltd., was held on the 19th inst., at the Registered Offices of the Company Mr Hart Buck presided. The other gentlemen present were:—Messrs. J. Jupp, C. Ewens, J. R. Michael, A. H. Mansell, P. Jordan, S. Ruston-Joe, E. S. Kelly, W. D. Sutton, W. E. Clement, and W. C. Taylor (secretary).

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen,—The report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for some days, I will, with your consent, follow the usual course and take them as read. As was anticipated at last year's meeting the rent account shows a substantial increase, the receipts being larger by \$12,030.98, and we may, I think, look with confidence for a still larger return this year. Repairs for the past year have been very heavy, showing an increase of over \$2,800 on 1898; many of these were quite exceptional and not likely to recur. As you will see our capital has been increased by \$180,000 during the past year, and as I stated at the private meeting of shareholders held in October last it is our intention to make the capital up to the full authorized amount of \$1,000,000, as soon as possible, giving registered shareholders the first opportunity of taking up the new shares at par. As you will understand our building operations are somewhat hampered through want of capital and in consequence we are not able to develop our property as we could wish. On our Kowloon Estate we have at present built 105 houses. We are building 14 more, which will be ready for occupation within 2 months and most of which are already let. At Yaumati we have

completed 17 Chinese houses, all of which are let and have both at Kowloon and Yau-mati a considerable extent of valuable ground available for further building. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts, I shall be pleased to reply to any question.

Mr. MICHAEL—There is an item, Commission and Profits on Investments. What are these?

The CHAIRMAN—Transactions in shares and property.

Mr. MICHAEL—Of course these are exceptional profits and we must not rely on such profits every year.

The CHAIRMAN—Perhaps not.

Mr. MICHAEL—I see the capital is increased from \$775,000 to \$846,150. May I ask if the increase in the share capital took place during the year?

The CHAIRMAN—During the year; before June.

Mr. MICHAEL—And these people, you give them the full benefit of the whole dividend?

The CHAIRMAN—The shares are fully paid-up shares and they naturally have the same dividend.

Mr. MICHAEL—Why I ask is, because calculating the income of this Company, I find we are getting a very low income. I would like to ask what are these fixed loans and cash on deposit? Do you receive money as at a bank and give interest?

The CHAIRMAN—Yes. Various rates.

Mr. MICHAEL—And the shareholders only get 3 per cent.? I wish to show we are doing business in the wrong way by borrowing at 6 per cent.

The CHAIRMAN—I think, probably, you are misunderstanding the situation. We have as you know a great deal of land that is not developed, and naturally as our capital is not all issued we must develop this land by borrowing a certain amount of money.

Mr. MICHAEL—What proportion of undeveloped land have you got?

The CHAIRMAN—I shall be very pleased to give you any information if you stay after the meeting.

Mr. MICHAEL—You have got capital \$550,000, and besides you have got debentures \$200,000, besides you have got borrowed money—the whole \$846,000, very close on a million—

The CHAIRMAN—If we got our capital we should naturally pay off some of the mortgages, then we could pay off our debentures.

Mr. MICHAEL—Hongkong has been progressing very fast indeed. This company has been fourteen years in existence against the Land Investment, twelve years. The Land Investment Company can show us a handsome profit. You have got very valuable land in Kowloon worth \$1 to \$1.50 a foot. Something should be done.

The CHAIRMAN—When you compare the companies you must remember that we suffered for a long time by having a very small capital. Having a small capital we might not go in for speculations which were more profitable.

Mr. MICHAEL said if he had invested \$500,000 in Kowloon fourteen years ago he should have expected a better return. He also mentioned that rents were going up everywhere.

The CHAIRMAN—I think, Mr. Michael, if you like to see the figures, you might stay behind, and we will explain them to you more fully.

Mr. MICHAEL—Figures will not satisfy me as against solid facts. I am calculating that on the money invested by the company you are only getting 3.15 per cent. Your undeveloped land cannot be 50 per cent.?

The CHAIRMAN—I think there is more than 50 per cent.

Mr. MICHAEL—Even at 50 per cent., we should get 6½ per cent. That is double the amount. I only wish to see how the company can be improved. Everything is progressing in Hongkong, and there is a cry everywhere for houses. Rents are high everywhere. A man could buy a house to-day and sell it to-morrow at a profit.

The CHAIRMAN—As you say this Company is fourteen years old, but has a great amount of land that has not been developed; the Kowloon Estate has only been developed to a certain extent within the last few years. The land undeveloped is probably very valuable, but we have had to pay Crown rent and taxes on it and obtained no return.

Mr. MICHAEL pointed to the Kowloon Land Company as showing more satisfactory returns, and said the Humphrey Estate gave 7 per cent. the year before last, 6 per cent. last year, and they now came back to 5 per cent.

The CHAIRMAN thought they were getting on very well. The profits were bound to fluctuate.

No motion being formulated by Mr. Michael and no further questions being asked, the CHAIRMAN proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. RUSTOMJEE seconded.

Carried.

Mr. JUPP proposed the re-election of Mr. Henderson as auditor.

Mr. JORDAN seconded.

Carried.

The CHAIRMAN—That is all the business, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready this afternoon.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirty-first ordinary general meeting, to be held at the offices of the general managers on Thursday, the 1st March, 1900, at noon.

The General Managers and Consulting Committee beg to present to the shareholders the Thirty-first Annual Report of the Company.

1898 Account.—This account shows a profit of \$244,411.96, which sum, with the approval of the Consulting Committee, it is proposed to deal with as follows, viz:—

Bonus to Contributing Shareholders	3,970.77
Addition to Reserve Fund	24,411.19
Dividend of \$27 per Share	216,000.00
	\$ 44,411.96

1899 Account.—The balance at credit of this account is \$34,341.51.

Mortgages.—From the reports and valuations made by the Company's surveyors the General Managers and Consulting Committee are satisfied that the properties held by the Company form ample security for the advances made.

Consulting Committee.—Mr. Birch having left the colony and Mr. Thompson having resigned, Messrs. F. Maitland and J. A. Mackay were nominated for the vacant seats; those appointments require the confirmation of shareholders. The present members, Messrs. Chater, Lewis, Raymond, Maitland and Mackay retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Fullerton Henderson and W. Hutton Potts and their re-election is recommended.

JARDINE, M. THESON & CO.,
General Managers.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1899.

LIABILITIES	
Capital subscribed	\$2,900,000
Amount paid-up	400,000.00
Reserve fund	1,69,316.00
Uncollected dividends	4,380.57
Accounts payable	32,110.6
Working account, 1898,—	
Net profit	244,411.96
Working account, 1899,—	
Amount brought forward from below	334,341.51
	\$ 3,084,698.68

ASSETS	
Cash, on current account with Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	101,367.61
Cash in hands of general managers	317.40
Fixed deposits,—	
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$ 1,000.00
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	5,000.00
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited	50,000.00
	56,000.00
Mortgages,—	
In Hongkong	\$68,000.00
In Shanghai	505,150.00
In Yokohama	25,725.39
	1,398,975.49

Investments.—	
Chinese Imperial Government Loan, 1896	\$3,223.12
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, Debentures	60,000.00
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Company, Limited, Debentures	1,560.00

Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf Company, Ltd., Debentures	62,600.70
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Ltd., Debentures	7,586.10
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, Debentures	50,000.00
200 shares in the Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Company, Limited	23,100.00
5 shares in the China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	375.00
	270,693.32

Steam fire engines	500.00
Accounts receivable	112,515.86
	\$2,084,869.68

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1898.

To losses and claims paid	88,913.55
To return premia	7,048.51
To remuneration to consulting committee and auditors	6,168.66
To balance as above	244,411.96
	\$296,540.66

By balance from last account	296,540.66
	\$296,540.66

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1899.

To losses and claims paid	48,803.65
To charges	24,600.59
To commissions	32,499.25
To fire brigade expenses	342.50
To balance as above	834,340.50
	\$140,676.49

By net premium received, less returns and re-insurances	\$102,268.50
By interest	22,417.81
By exchange	5,459.18
By transfer fees	131.00
By increase in market value of 200 shares in the Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Company, Limited	10,400.00
	\$140,676.49

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report of the above company for presentation to the shareholders at the first ordinary yearly meeting, to be held at the offices of the company, at noon, on Wednesday, the 28th February.

Gentlemen.—The manager and consulting committee beg to present to the shareholders the first ordinary yearly report of the company. The account shows a profit of \$23,494.96, which sum it is proposed to carry forward to next account.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

On the formation of the company the Hon. C. P. Chater, C.M.G., and Messrs. A. G. Wood and E. Osborne consented to form the committee, and their appointment requires confirmation.

AUDITOR.

The accounts under review have been audited by Mr. Fullerton Henderson; his appointment also requires confirmation.

J. WHEELEY,
Manager.

LIABILITIES.	
Capital:—	
914 shares each \$20 paid	\$18,280.00
6,100 shares each \$15 paid	92,700.00
404 shares unallotted	
	111,020.00
7,500	
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank amount overdrawn	6,865.01
Sundry creditors	5,743.19
Bills payable	2,278.88
Contingency provision for	8,760.00
Balance of profit and loss account	23,494.96
	\$168,162.04

ASSETS.	
Hongkong saw-mills:—	
Value of land, buildings and machinery on Jan. 1st, 1899	\$24,291.68
Since added	10,167.80
	38,459.48
Sandakan saw-mills	26,000.00
Launches and lighters:—	
Value on 1st January, 1899	\$14,000.00
Since added	4,000.00
	18,000.00

ASSETS.	
Land and house property	4,884.45
Sandakan engine works	8,267.52
Furniture	500.00
Rough and sawn timber, stock of	52,833.55
Stores, stock of	7,555.09
Cash in hand	6,816.00
	\$158,162.04

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1899.	
Dr.	\$ c.
To cost of management, office expenses and general charges	13,079.13
To interest	3,094.83
To preliminary expenses	2,104.30
To auditor's fee	75.00
To balance carried to profit and loss account	23,494.96
	\$41,448.22
Cr.	\$ c.
By profit on sales of rough and sawn timber, &c	41,448.22
	\$41,448.22

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.	
To amount carried to a new account	23,494.96
By balance of working account brought down	23,494.96

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the sixteenth ordinary general meeting to be held at the office of the General Managers on Thursday, 8th March, 1900, at 12 o'clock noon.

Annexed we have the pleasure to lay before shareholders the annual statement of accounts made up to the 31st December, 1899.

The net profit including the balance brought forward from last year amounts to \$211,054.30, which it is proposed to appropriate as follows:—

To place to reserve fund .. \$200,000.00
To carry forward to next year's account .. 11,054.30

It is not proposed to pay a dividend in cash, but as more funds are required to carry larger stocks in future and for further extensions to the factory, it has been decided to raise the capital to \$500,000 by the conversion of \$250,000 out of the reserve fund, into capital, new shares for which will be issued to shareholders.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the articles of Association, Messrs. Gillies, Lewis, Raymond and Shewan retire, but offer themselves for re-election

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. T. Arnold and F. Henderson, who are recommended for re-election.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	
Donation to "Sailors' and Soldiers' Families' Fund"	00.00
Consulting Committee's fee	2,000.00
Auditors' fee	400.00
Exchange	75.79
Written off land, buildings and machinery, as depreciation	12,787.14
Balance	211,054.30

\$226,816.53

Balance brought forward from 1898	4,462.96
Interest and dividends on investments	8,097.63
Profit on re-valuation of investments	46,794.70
Balance of working account	167,061.24

226,816.53

BALANCE SHEET.	
LIABILITIES.	
Capital 5,000 shares at \$50, paid up	250,000.00
Reserve fund	50,020.00
Due to General Managers	11,574.25
Sundry creditors	14,678.92
Balance of profit and loss	211,054.30
	537,332.47

ASSETS.	
Cost of land, as in last account	\$60,000.00
Less depreciation	5,000.00
	55,000.00

Value of factory machinery, &c., as in last account	
100,000.00	
Cost of new additions	12,787.14
	112,787.14
Less depreciation	7,714.14
	105,073.00
Rope, oil, &c., in godown, valued at	46,724.77
Rope on consignment, valued at	65,635.00
Fire insurance premia, account 1900	66.96
Sundry debtors	42,987.15
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	94,776.62
Cash on hand	744.57
Cash at factory	25.00
Investment in shares of local companies, valued at	125,66.00
200 shares Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Limited.	
130 shares China Traders Insurance Co., Ltd.	
100 shares Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Limited.	
64 shares Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited.	
100 shares Douglas Steamship Co., Limited.	
1,000 shares China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Limited.	
	537,332.47

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report of the board of directors of the above company to be presented to the ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders, to be held at the offices of the company, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, Hongkong, on Monday, the 26th February, 1900, at 3 o'clock p.m.

To the Shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited.

Gentlemen,—The Directors have now to submit to you their report, with a statement of accounts for the half-year ended 31st December, 1899.

The net profit for the six months, after paying interest due and all charges, amounts to \$459,866.74

to which has to be added the brought forward from last Account .. 365,804.42

\$825,671.16

and from this have to be deducted—

Director's Fees .. \$7,000.00

Auditors' Fees .. 750.00

7,750.00

leaving available for appropriation **\$817,921.16**

The Directors recommend that a dividend for the half-year of 8 per cent or \$125,000, and bonus of 12 per cent or \$187,500, aggregating \$312,500, be paid to the shareholders, a bonus of \$20,000 to contributing shareholders, bonus of \$25,000 to the European staff of the Company, that \$70,026.89 be written from the value of Kowloon Docks, \$50,021.91 from Cosmopolitan Docks, and the balance \$340,369.56 be carried to the new account.

The returns of the past year, taken as a whole, have been the most favourable with regard to the volume of work done and the profit made that the Company has so far experienced, but to get through such a vast amount of work it was found necessary to keep the machines at both the Kowloon and Cosmopolitan establishments running practically night and day.

The extension and reconstruction of our workshops referred to in our last report are now well in hand and this work will be completed as early as circumstances will permit; the great want of accommodation in our workshops and the lack of machine tools to cope with the demands made upon our resources are being more acutely felt every half-year.

DIRECTORS.

The Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving having left the colony, the Hon. J. J. Keswick has been invited to the vacant seat on the Board; this appointment requires to be confirmed at this meeting.

In accordance with clause 60 of the Articles of Association, Messrs. N. A. Siebs and A. Haupt retire by rotation, but, both being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The Hon. J. J. Keswick has been appointed chairman for the year 1900.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Thomas Arnold and Fullarton Henderson, the latter acting for Mr. S. Godfrey Bird, who is absent from the colony on leave of absence. The directors recommend Messrs. Arnold and Bird for re-election.

E. S. WHEALLER,
Chairman.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

31st Dec. 1899. ASSETS.	
Aberdeen.	\$ c.
To value of Aberdeen Docks, as per last statement	100,000.00
Kowloon.	
To value of Kowloon Docks, as per last statement	\$1,272,458.61
Less amount since written off	72,458.61
	\$1,000,000.00

To amount paid in connection with purchase of Hung Hom I. L. No. 24	7,220.00
To amount paid on account of removal of hill on the new extension Kowloon Marine Lot No. 27	7,346.50
To amount paid on account of new blacksmiths' shop	28,818.00
To amount paid on account of boiler shop and ship-building yard improvements	8,633.00
To amount paid on account of lengthening No. 1 dock	6,451.00
To amount paid on account of No. 2 dock, cost of one new Cornish steam pump, one new surface condensing plant, with engines, pipes, &c., and fitting same	15,376.39
To amount paid on account of new boundary wall and yard extension	1,126.00
To amount paid on account of new paint store	2,053.00
To amount paid on account of new iron store	4,350.00
To amount paid on account of 8 new houses for European foremen	1,360.50
To amount paid for constructing new W. C.'s in yard for Europeans, and fitting gas throughout yard, &c	4,509.00
To amount paid for one new patent double cylinder vertical steam fire engine with suction pipes, hoses, &c.	6,650.00
To cost of boiler, cranes and new machines for new blacksmiths' shop	9,844.00
To cost of new machines for boiler shop	9,680.00
To cost of new machines for engine shop	5,605.00
	1,370,029.89

Cosmopolitan.	
To value of Cosmopolitan Dock, as per last statement	312,429.50
Less amount since written off	12,429.50
	300,000.00

To amount paid on account of new sea wall and reclamation	5,032.03
To amount paid on account of extensions to fitting shop, boiler shop, blacksmiths' shop, copper smiths' shop, and foundry	43,174.83
To cost of new machines for fitting shop	1,815.00
	350,021.91

Tug, launches, and lighters.	
To value of Fame as per last account	15,000.00
To value of 14 steam launches, steam lighter and boats, as per last statement	34,500.00
Less amount since written off	4,500.00
	0,000.00

To Humphreys' Estate and Finance Company 8 per cent. mortgage debentures	100,000.00
To sundry debtors	347,118.13
To cost of material on hand	1,161,201.64
	3,873,671.57

31st Dec. 1899. LIABILITIES.	
By shareholders for 12,500 shares of \$125 each fully paid up	1,562,500.00
By reserve fund	900,000.00
By admiralty loan	£20,000 0 0
Less repayments	9,991 9 0
	£10,608.11 0 at 1/11 3/16ths 103,592.54

By sundry creditors	481,907.87
By balance of profit brought forward from last account	365,804.42
By profit	459,866.74
	825,671.16

\$3,873,671.57

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

31st Dec., 1899.	\$	c
To interest.....	1,531.71	
To Crown rent.....	2,891.96	
To fire insurance.....	2,753.32	
To office expenses, salaries, stationery and rent of head office.....	30,147.89	
To drawing office expenses and salaries.....	8,580.10	
To telegrams.....	2,336.01	
To legal expenses.....	1,900.80	
To subscription to Tung Wah Hospital.....	500.00	
To subscription to Sailors and Soldiers' Families' Fund.....	1,000.00	
To profit.....	49,866.74	
	\$	12,058.53
1st July to 31st Dec., 1899.	\$	c
By net earnings of the Company's three establishments.....	509,724.56	
By towage, net earnings.....	1,699.89	
By transfer fees.....	99.00	
By bonus on premia, &c.....	535.08	
	\$	512,058.53

THE FOURTH CONGRESS OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OF THE EMPIRE.

The following are the resolutions framed by the General Committee of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce to be submitted for approval to the Organising Committee of the above Congress, reference to which was made in the minutes of the last monthly meeting:—

RESOLVED.

1.—That the manner in which the Inland Waters Navigation Regulations have been interpreted by the officials of the Chinese Government being such as to render the right to run steamers on the West River and other Inland Waters, an almost valueless concession, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs be asked to open special negotiations with the Chinese Government in order to obtain a construction of these regulations more in accordance with the terms of the original agreement.

2.—That the time has arrived when the tariff of rates for telegrams on all lines, land and submarine, should be materially reduced, and that representation to this effect be made to Her Majesty's Government, the International Telegraph Convention at Berne, and the telegraph companies concerned.

3.—That in consequence of the rapid increase in the numbers, tonnage, and speed of steamers employed in the trade, and the frequent discovery in some tracks of sunken rocks not recorded on existing charts, the fact should be brought to the notice of Her Majesty's Government that it is necessary to have made, with as little delay as possible, a thorough re-survey of the navigation channels and coast lines in Eastern Seas.

THE STEAMSHIP "FRANZ FERDINAND."

One of the latest specimens of marine architecture to arrive in this port is the *Franz Ferdinand*, belonging to the Austrian Lloyd's Steam Navigation Company, and is at present lying at the wharf at Kowloon, near the ferry landing. She is a steel-built vessel, with a gross registered tonnage of 6,043 tons, 423 feet in length, 49 feet in breadth, and was built at Trieste. Her commander is Captain G. Morovich, who has with him as chief officer Mr. P. Lava, the second mate being Mr. M. de Nardo. The ship carries a doctor and stewardess, and the crew all told number 71. The *Franz Ferdinand* is fitted with triple expansion engines, and her average speed during the voyage to China was fourteen knots an hour. The vessel has three decks, two being devoted to her passengers. The second deck forms a grand promenade, being about 250 feet in length. There is accommodation for fifty first-class passengers. The saloon is very comfortable but not elaborately fitted up. In the smoking-room is a piano, a harmonium, lounges, etc. The cabin is situated amidships, and the vessel is fitted throughout with the electric light. The Company have altogether seventy-two steamers, and are having six new ones built. When finished it is the intention of the Company to run steamers similar in size to the *Franz Ferdinand* at regular intervals between Trieste, China and Japan. The officers on board will be only too pleased to show over the vessel visitors who may wish to inspect her.

HONGKONG

Lient T. D. Jackson, King's Lancaster Regiment, is under orders to return to England, and is succeeded as Acting Secretary of Settlements, by Mr G. A. Bonaparte, private secretary. Mr Jackson is a son of the Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

At the Supreme Court on the 21st inst., before His Honour A. G. Wise (Puisne Judge), Li Fung Hau Tong sought to recover from Li Fung Chuen \$950 due on a promissory note. Mr. Reece appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Hursthouse for the defendant. The plaintiff said that on the second February the defendant gave him the promissory note produced. The defendant wrote it and signed it, and Li Chuk Hing put his name to it as a witness. Nothing had been paid since. The principal was \$800 and the interest up to the date of the writ \$150. —Li Chuk Hing, the witness to the note, having given evidence, he admitted in reply to Mr. Hursthouse giving the defendant the promissory note produced for the same value. —Mr. Hursthouse: That being so I need not trouble your Worship any further. —Judgment for the plaintiff.

An Indian watchman residing in Centre Street was brought before Mr. Gompertz at the Magistracy on the 20th inst. charged with attempting to commit suicide by cutting his throat. At about eight o'clock on the morning of China New Year's Day two boys found him laid down on his blanket on the Praya Reclamation behind the Sailors' Home, with his throat cut. They informed a Chinese constable, who reported the matter to Inspector Baker, at the West Point Police Station. The Inspector sent down P. C. Sullivan, who bound up the man's injury and conveyed him to the Hospital. He was discharged last week, and in the meantime the police have been making enquires as to whether any of the man's friends would look after him. These friends, however, decline to have anything to do with him. When asked by the Inspector if they would take him in hand they shook their heads and, pointing upwards, said, "God will look after him!"

At the Magistracy on the 20th inst. an opium divan keeper named Ho Cheung and a coolie named Ho Fuk, employed at the Cosmopolitan Dock, were charged with stealing a pair of binoculars and a silver ash tray, the property of Captain Panton, of the steamer *Victoria*. The Captain missed the articles from his cabin on Monday afternoon. From information received a Chinese detective sergeant visited the house of the first prisoner and found the latter in the possession of the binoculars, which he said he had bought from a coolie for \$1.20. He subsequently pointed out the second prisoner as the man from whom he had bought the glasses. This man was also arrested, and when searched the ash tray was found concealed upon his person. His Worship, addressing the first prisoner, said he must have known that the glasses had not been come by honestly. He would be sentenced to two months' hard labour and the second prisoner to three months' hard labour.

At the Magistracy on the 21st inst., Mr Gompertz had another case of purse-snatching before him. The offender was a disreputable-looking Chinaman, evidently very hard up. It appears that on Tuesday at noon Mrs. Ralfe (wife of Captain Ralfe), of Belilios Terrace, and her sister were going along Queen's Road Central when the prisoner, seeing that Mrs. Ralfe was carrying a purse in her hand, rushed forward and made a grab. He, however, missed his mark, and as the ladies at once began to scream he did not make a second attempt but cleared off down Douglas Lane. Mr. F. H. Kew, of the Attorney-General's Office, caught sight of the man as he was bolting and gave chase, succeeding in catching him on the Praya Reclamation. Mr. Kew brought him back to the ladies, who at once recognised him as the man who had assailed them, and gave him into custody. At the Magistracy yesterday the man said there had been a mistake, but His Worship considered the evidence conclusive and inflicted a sentence of three months' hard labour, at the same time highly complimenting Mr. Kew on his conduct.

Dr. Morrison, the Peking correspondent of *The Times*, arrived in Hongkong on Saturday by the *Futami Maru*.

The steamer *Coromandel*, which arrived from Hongkong on the 17th inst., went on arrival, on account of a fever being down with smallpox. The chief officer was landed at Penang suffering from the same disease.

The "Yeoman of the Guard" attracted a large crowd to the theatre on Saturday, 17th inst., the house being literally packed. There is a great improvement on the first night, and the whole performance is gone through without the slightest hitch. We can safely say that it is one of the best shows we have seen given by the A.D.C. There are two more performances to be given, one to-day 24th inst. and the last on Monday, 26th inst.

At about two o'clock on the morning of the 21st inst. the Fire Brigade, under the command of Mr. Badeley, went to No. 25, Queen's Road West, a fire having broken out there. The ground floor, which was used as a tailor's shop, was completely gutted, and the second floor was considerably damaged. A woman who was in the second floor was unable to escape and was burned to death. Her husband, however, got away.

At the offices of the Public Works Department on the 20th inst. Mr. Gibbs offered for sale by public auction three lots of Crown land. The first lot, Kowloon Inland Lot No. 976, fetched \$4,410 (upset price \$3,080), the purchaser being a Chinaman. The lot contains 7,568 square feet; annual rent \$104. Rural building lot No. 103, in Barker Road, was bought by Mr. A. J. Hamilton Smythe for \$310 (upset price \$290); contents in square feet 2,401; annual rent \$11. Mr. J. E. Sassoon purchased Kowloon Inland lot No. 997, which is situate at Yaumati, the price being \$1,910 (upset \$1,890); contents in square feet 1,890; annual rent \$14.

Both the Portuguese and the rest of the foreign community of Hongkong have still fresh in their minds the name of Dr. L. A. Rodrigues, formerly attached to the Portuguese gunboat *Rio Lima* (now of the *Liberal*), who, some 13 or 14 years ago, made himself so popular among the European and Chinese staff at Kowloon Dock that a gold watch was presented to him as a testimonial to his professional services rendered to them whilst the *Rio Lima* was undergoing an extensive overhaul at the above-named dock. His numerous friends will be pleased to learn that he is now being appointed, by the Lisbon Government, Assistant Colonial Surgeon of Macao, in addition to the previous honour conferred on him, the degree of officer of the Order of *Torres d'Espada*, a token of his valuable and humanitarian services tendered to the patients suffering from the plague prevailing at Macao during the year 1898.

The presentation of a testimonial to Mr. A. J. Basto, of Macao, referred to in our issue of the 15th December last, took place last Saturday in the Hongkong Hotel premises, a special hall having been engaged for this purpose. The Committee assembled at about 1 p.m. and were received by Mr. Basto and his two brothers. After an introductory speech from the President, the address was read by the Secretary, followed by the presentation of a massive gold pen, surmounted with diamonds, with an adequate inscription engraved on the space of the holder. The pen was enclosed in a handsome plush case. The address which was admirably got up by Mr. Baptista, one of the Portuguese artists of this colony, was enclosed in a beautiful and artistic cover with silver edges, lined with blue plush, and having an inscription on a silver sheet, which read:—"Presented to Commendador A. J. Basto, from his compatriots of the Far East." Mr. Basto responded to the address with his usual fluency, thanking the Portuguese community of Hongkong and abroad for the honor conferred on him. A special tiffin, ordered for the occasion, was served, during which enthusiastic toasts were exchanged. The Committee accompanied Mr. Basto on board the *Heungshan* to see him off. The following gentlemen composed the Committee:—Mr. L. J. Xavier (president) Messrs J. A. Barretto, J. D. H. S. Remedios, A. V. da Silva, M. da S. Guimaraes and A. M. C. da Silva (Secretary).

MISCELLANEOUS.

A proposal is reported from Manila to found a branch of an important San Francisco bank there and the project is said to be well on its way towards realisation.

The Medical Officer of Health reports two cases of Plague, with one death, in the limits of the colony of Hongkong during the week ending February 17. There were also two imported cases of smallpox.

We quoted some remarks of a correspondent on our Chinese Regiment at Wei-hai-wei. Another observer writes that a most striking feature is the aptitude the native non-commissioned officers show in handling the raw recruits. The regiment presents a fine appearance on parade. The average height is 5ft. 7in., and the conduct of the men is the subject of very little complaint in the neighbourhood.

On the evening of Saturday, January 20th, the Peking Amateur Dramatic Society gave its second entertainment at the British Legation Theatre. A number of Tientsin people remained over from Lady Macdonald's ball to attend, and all say they were well repaid for so doing. A "triple bill" programme was excellently rendered, and great credit is due to Mr. Brent for the management of the entire programme.

H.R.H. Prince Waldemar of Denmark is being well entertained at Shanghai. On the 12th inst. he was to receive the Taotai, the Consular Body, and the Municipal Councillors, at the Danish Consulate, and in the evening he was to be entertained at dinner by the representative of the Great Northern Telegraph Company. On the 13th the Danish community was to give a *fête* at the Masonic Hall in his honour; on the 14th inst. the Danish Acting Consul, Mr. N. Laptew, was to give a reception at the Country Club; and in the evening the Prince was to banquet with the Taotai.

The Danish cruiser *Valkyrien* visited Foochow on the 4th inst. The Captain, H. R. H. Prince Waldemar of Denmark, visited Foochow, accompanied by 16 officers, where a suitable reception awaited his landing. A detachment of the Viceroy's body-guard with their band escorted him to the Russian Consulate, where he was to be the guest of Consul-General and Madame Popoff. H. R. H. made good use of his time during his stay in the port. He received and returned the visit of the Viceroy with whom he took *liffin*, received the foreign consuls, went over the Arsenal and exchanged calls with the Admiral of the Peiyang fleet. On the afternoon of the 6th instant, His Royal Highness Prince Waldemar of Denmark, accompanied by the Consul-General for Russia, visited in detail the Mamoi Arsenal and the newly built cruiser *ien Kwei*, launched last year. His Highness was shown over the Arsenal by Monsieur Doyere himself and by His Excellency the Titiao Chen, specially delegated by the Viceroy. His Highness seemed to be highly interested by his visit, making the remark that he never expected to find at Foochow such an important establishment and such extensive works.—*Echo*.

The Weihaiwei correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* writes that the Chinese Regiment there has recently appeared in its own uniform. Hitherto the men have worn blue cotton tunics with red sashes, with a black cotton for dress. Now they wear a tunic and trousers, Chinese pattern, but without over drawers (*tuo ku*), of an iron-grey frieze with brass buttons, a row on either side of the chest, a red sash and a blue turban. Foot wear is not yet to hand, but it is understood that the ordinary ammunition boot worn by Mr. Atkins at home, will be served out here. Putties of the same material as the rest of the uniform, it should be mentioned, are also worn, and each man is furnished with an overcoat to match. The men look well in their new rig out and appear in it more frequently when off parade than they used to do in the old make-shifts. Certainly they look much better than did the Japanese soldiers dressed after the European fashion. Indeed, the 1st Chinese compares favourably in appearance with the Japanese infantry regiments once in garrison here. Just at present many of the men are away on leave varying from a fortnight to two months, and this week being New-Year week, drill is suspended.

It is stated by a Japanese paper that the Russian warships *Rurik*, *Dmitry Donskoy*, *Vladimir Monomakh*, *Gremiastchy*, *Olvazny*, *Zabiaka*, *Mandjour*, *Rossia*, and another cruiser were assembled at Masampo, Korea on the 7th inst., and that they remain in the neighbourhood of a Korean port.

Baron d'Anethan, the Belgian Minister and *doyen* of the Diplomatic Corps, is now in Kobe, where he is staying with Mr. W. F. K. Fearon, the Belgian Consul. The Baroness d'Anethan, it may be remembered, is sister to Mr. H. Rider Haggard, the novelist. She has herself written a novel or two.

We are informed, says the *China Gazette*, that three Japanese gentlemen travelling in Kiangsi province, on a mission of exploration and investigation into trade, have been severely maltreated near Nan Chang-fu, the capital of the province. The Japanese Consul at Hankow, accompanied by a Japanese military doctor who happened to be there at the time, have proceeded to the scene of the outrage. Two of the gentlemen were named Taganouchi and Hashimoto; the name of the third we have not learnt, but we understand that the Japanese Government is not disposed to allow its subjects to be outraged by Chinese with the same apathy as the British Government regards the murder and martyrdom of its citizens.

COMMERCIAL.

TEA.

EXPORT OF TEA FROM CHINA TO UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

	1899-1900	1898-99
	lbs.	lbs.
Shanghai	20,283,296	15,661,574
Amoy	12,345,300	11,729,245
Foochow	9,629,601	9,158,280
	42,258,197	36,549,099

EXPORT OF TEA FROM CHINA TO UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT.

	1899-1900	1898-99
	lbs.	lbs.
Hankow and Shanghai...	13,160,074	12,061,298
Amoy.....	465,259	688,318
Foochow	16,174,605	12,976,578
Canton	6,998,430	4,913,484
	36,798,368	30,639,678

SILK.

EXPORT OF SILK FROM CHINA AND JAPAN TO EUROPE.

	1899-1900	1898-9
	bales.	bales.
Shanghai	62,473	51,722
Canton	24,784	24,138
Yokohama	16,167	16,263
	103,424	92,323

EXPORT OF SILK FROM CHINA AND JAPAN TO AMERICA.

	1899-1900	1898-9
	bales.	bales.
Shanghai	16,659	6,928
Canton	7,645	7,901
Yokohama.....	24,682	19,214
	37,986	34,143

CAMPHOR.

HONGKONG, 23rd February.—The market is slightly improving and prices are somewhat higher. Quotations for Formosa are \$90.00 to \$90.50; sales 200 piculs.

SUGAR.

HONGKONG, 23rd February.—The prices are further declining, the market being weak. Quotations are:—

Shenkloong, No. 1, White...	\$8.25 to \$8.30	cl.
do. " 2, White...	7.55 to 7.60	"
Shenkloong, No. 1, Brown...	5.60 to 5.65	"
do. " 2, Brown...	5.30 to 5.35	"
Swatow, No. 1, White...	8.15 to 8.20	"
do. " 1, White...	7.40 to 7.45	"
Swatow, No. 1, Brown...	5.35 to 5.40	"
do. " 2, Brown...	5.20 to 5.25	"
Foochow Sugar Candy.....	11.95 to 12.00	"
Shenkloong "	10.25 to 10.50	"

MISCELLANEOUS EXPORTS.

Per steamer *Wittenberg*, sailed on the 23rd January. For Bordeaux:—105 rolls matting. For Havre and/or Bordeaux:—295 rolls matting. For Havre:—1 case China ink, 1 case embroidery, 3 cases lacquered ware, 17 cases bristles, 24 cases Chinaware, 33 cases human hair, 34 packages canes, 127 rolls matting, and 273 packages tea. For Havre and/or Hamburg:—1 case ylang ylang, 1 case blackwoodware, 6 cases feathers, 9 cases Chinaware, 10 cases bristles, 12 cases human hair, and 65 rolls matting. For Havre and/or Hamburg and/or London:—10 cases bristles, 150 bales feathers, and 1,694 cases camphor. For Hamburg:—1 case blackwoodware, 1 case tea, 1 case silks, 2 cases preserves, 3 cases cayenne pepper, 3 cases sundries, 3 cases cigars, 3 cases private effects, 3 cases Chinaware, 5 cases essential oil, 6 cases human hair, 6 cases bristles, 25 rolls mats, 82 rolls matting, 15 cases cassia buds, 200 bales rattan, 200 bales broken cassia, 20 cases cassia lignea, 320 cases camphor, 379 packages canes, and 777 bales duck feathers. For Hamburg and/or Antwerp:—40 cases bristles and 100 bales rattan shavings. For Hamburg and/or London:—185 packages canes. For Hamburg and/or Antwerp and/or London:—50 cases bristles. For Antwerp:—2 cases iron rings and 40 bales split bamboos. For Rotterdam:—20 cases canes. For Lisbon:—1 case silks.

Per steamer *Cowrie*, sailed on the 30th January. For London:—5 cases bambooware, 10 cases essential oil, 17 cases fans, 99 cases soy, 129 cases blackwoodware, 142 rolls mats, 179 cases Chinaware, and 250 rolls matting. For Rotterdam:—5 cases jar covers, 11 packages sundries, 15 packages rattanware, and 10 cases cassia.

Per steamer *Afridi*, sailed on the 1st Feb. For New York:—3,337 packages crackers, 174 bales rattanware, 212 bales feathers, 154 cases blackwoodware, 649 rolls matting, 120 bales bamboo split, 48 cases Chinaware, 29 packages cassia, 30 bales bamboo, 38 bales rattan, 15 packages rattanware, 11 cases curios, and 400 packages merchandise.

Per P. & O. steamer *Bengal*, sailed on the 17th February. For London:—5 cases cigars from Manila, 2 boxes old silks, 1 case silks, 5 packages private effects, 10 cases cigars, 4 bales feathers, and 3 packages sundries. For Lyons:—85 bales raw silk. For Marseilles:—10 bales raw silk, 3 cases silks.

RICE.

HONGKONG, 23rd February.—Some demands having come from Canton the prices are going upward. Quotations are:—
Saigon, Ordinary \$3.05 to 3.10
" Round, Good quality 3.35 to 3.40
" Long 3.50 to 3.55
Siam, Field, mill cleaned, No. 2 ... 3.30 to 3.35
" Garden, " No. 1 ... 3.60 to 3.65
" White 3.85 to 3.90
" Fine Cargo..... 4.25 to 4.30

COALS.

HONGKONG, 23rd February.—Sales 8,000 tons. Cardiff coal ex ship and Godown at \$21 to \$24. In Japanese very large contracts are reported. Private business is also reported. Quotations are:—

Cardiff.....	\$21.00 to \$22 ex ship, steady
Australian.....	11.00 to — ex ship, steady
Milki Lump }	8.00 to 9.00 nominal
and Small. }	
Meji Lump ...	6.50 to 8.50 ex ship, steady
Hongay double }	12.00 to — ex godown
screened..... }	
Hongay Lump	8.00 to 8.50 ex ship
Hongay Dust...	5.50 to — "
Briquettes	10.50 to — ex godown

MISCELLANEOUS IMPORTS.

HONGKONG, 23rd February.—Among the sales reported during the week are the following:—
YARN AND PIECE GOODS:—Bombay Yarn:—850 bales No. 10 at \$87 to \$95, 700 bales No. 12 at \$87 to \$95, 300 bales No. 16 at \$97 to \$104, 750 bales No. 20 at \$101 to \$112. White Shirtings.—600 pieces Monkey and Fish at \$1.30, 500 pieces S. Q. at \$5.40, 1,000 pieces 600 at \$5.4, 500 pieces Black Seal at \$2.67. T. Clothes.—750 pieces 7 lbs. 4 Stags at \$2.60, 750 pieces 7 lbs.

1 Stags at \$2.65. Grey Shirtings.—500 pieces 10 lbs. Mandarin at \$4.55.
 METALS.—Quicksilver: 200 flasks at \$1.77.
 COTTON YARN—
 Bombay—Nos. 10 to 20s.....\$ 78.00 to \$112.00
 English—Nos. 16 to 24, 114.00 to 120.00
 " 22 to 24, 116.00 to 122.00
 " 28 to 32, 129.00 to 133.00
 " 38 to 42, 147.00 to 154.00

COTTON PIECE GOODS—

per piece
 Grey Shirtings—6 lbs. 2.00 to 2.10
 7 lbs. 2.20 to 2.25
 8 1/2 lbs. 2.95 to 3.81
 9 to 10 lbs. 3.90 to 4.85
 White Shirtings—51 to 56 rd. 2.75 to 2.95
 58 to 60 " 3.25 to 3.95
 61 to 66 " 4.25 to 5.00
 Fine 5.20 to 8.00
 Book-folds. 4.55 to 6.45
 Victoria Lawns—12 yards 0.80 to 1.60
 T. Cloths—6 lbs. (32 in.), O. d'y. 1.85 to 2.09
 7 lbs. (32 ") " 2.10 to 2.30
 6 lbs. (32 "), Mexs. 2.90 to 2.29
 7 lbs. (32 "), " 2.56 to 2.90
 8 to 8 1/2 oz., (36 in.) 2.90 to 3.60
 Drills, English—40 yds., 1 1/2 to 1 1/2 lbs. 4.30 to 7.20

FANCY COTTONS—

per piece
 Turkey Red Shirtings—1 1/2 to 8 lbs. 1.75 to 7.20
 Brocades—Dyed 4.20 — 5.70
 Chintzes—Assorted 0.08 1/2 to 0.17
 Velvets—Black, 22 in 0.26 to 0.65
 Velvetens—18 in 0.23 1/2 to 0.28
 Handkerchiefs—Imitation Silk 0.40 to 2.50

WOOLLENS—

per yard
 Spanish Stripes—Sundry chops. 1.00 to 1.75
 German — to —
 Habit, Med., and Broad Cloths. 1.55 to 1.75
 Long Ells—Scarlet 6.80 to 10.40
 Assorted 6.90 to 10.50
 Camlets—Assorted 13.50 to 33.00
 Lastings—30 yds., 31 inches, Assorted 10.50 to 23.00
 Orleans—Plain 8.50 to 10.00
 Blankets—8 to 12 lbs. (pair) ... 4.20 to 16.00

METALS—

per picul
 Iron—Nail Rod 6.35 to —
 Square, Flat Round Bar (Eng.) 6.50 to —
 Swedish Bar 8.00 to —
 Small Round Rod 7.00 to —
 Hoop 1/2 to 1 1/2 in. 7.50 to —
 Wire 15/25 10.50 to —
 Old Wire Rope 3.00 to —
 Lead, L. B. & Co. and Hole Chop 10.25 to —
 Australian 10.25 to —
 Yellow M'tal—Muntz. 14/20 oz. 41.75 to —
 Vivian's. 14/20 oz. 41.75 to —
 Elliot's. 14/20 oz. 41.75 to —
 New Chop, 14/20 oz. — to —
 Composition Nails 65.00 to —
 Japan Copper, Slabs 39.50 to —
 Tin 85.00 to —

per box.
 Tin-Plates 8.30 to —
 per cwt. case
 Steel 1/2 to 1 7.25 to —

SUNDRIES—

per picul
 Quicksilver 175.00 to —
 per box.
 Window Glass 6.25 to —
 per 10-gal. case
 Kerosene Oil 2.91 to —

EXCHANGE.

FRIDAY, 23rd February.

ON LONDON.—

Telegraphic Transfer 1/11 1/2
 Bank Bills, on demand 1/11 1/2
 Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 1/11 1/2
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 1/11 1/2
 Credits, at 4 months' sight 1/11 1/2
 Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 1/11 1/2

ON PARIS.—

Bank Bills, on demand 2.44 1/2
 Credits, at 4 months' sight 49 1/2

ON GERMANY.—

On demand 199 1/2

ON NEW YORK.—

Bank Bills, on demand 47 1/2
 Credits, 60 days' sight 48 1/2

ON BOMBAY.—

Telegraphic Transfer 144 1/2
 Bank, on demand 115

ON CALCUTTA.—

Telegraphic Transfer 144 1/2
 Bank, on demand 145

ON SHANGHAI.—

Bank, at sight 72 1/2
 Private, 30 days' sight 73 1/2

ON YOKOHAMA.—

On demand 4 1/2 % pm.

ON MANILA.—

On demand 2 1/2 % pm

ON SINGAPORE.—

On demand 1 % pm.

ON HAIPHONG.—

on demand 2 1/2 % pm.

ON SAIGON.—

On demand 2 1/2 % pm.

ON BANGKOK.—

On demand 61

SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate 10.24

GOLD LEAF. 100 fine per tael 53

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

HONGKONG, 23rd February.—The Annual Race holidays have greatly interfered with business and there is but little to report.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai have changed hands in small lots at 315 and 314 per cent. prem ex div. and close quiet at the former rate. Nationals have found buyers at \$26 to \$27 1/2 closing in demand at the higher rate.

MARINE INSURANCES.—With the exception of small sales of China Traders at \$57, there is nothing to report under this heading.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong's have changed hands at from \$340 to \$350, and close steady at the latter rate. The management of the Company recommends a dividend of \$27 per share China fires remain quiet but steady with small sales at \$89.

SHIPPING.—Small sales of Hongkong, Canton and Macao are reported at \$294. Indos continue quiet and more or less out of the market at \$87 1/2. Douglasses have been placed in small lots at \$48. China Manilas are enquired for at \$100 but no sales are reported. China Mutuals continue in demand at quotations.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have been negotiated at \$131 and \$132, closing at \$133 with probable sellers. Luzons remain unchanged and without business.

MINING.—The market has ruled very dull and with the exception of a few small sales of Punjoms at \$6.10 to \$6.25 and of Raubs at \$63 there is but little business to report.

DOCKS, WHARVES, AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks Continue quiet and out of the market, with no buyers at quotation. Amoy Docks unchanged and without business. Kowloon Wharfs have been in some demand at \$86 and later at \$87 some shares have changed hands at the seller rate and the market closes with sellers cash and at equivalent rates on time.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands have found buyers in small lots at \$122 and close steady at that rate. Hotels remain quiet at \$126, with a small business. West Points have ruled steady at \$43 but few shares have changed hands. Humphreys have been negotiated in fair lots at \$9, ex div. paid on the 19th instant.

COTTONS.—Hongkong's have changed hands at \$37 and close steady at that rate. In the absence of local business quotations for the Northern Mills are taken from the last Shanghai Circulars.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Watsons have changed hands at \$17 and remain on offer at that rate. Fenwicks have advanced to \$52 with sales and buyers. Ices and Electrics continue steady but without business. China Borneos and Tramways have been enquired for without bringing any shares on the market. China Providents have changed hands and are enquired for at \$9.40.

Closing quotations are as follows:—

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Banks—		[\$118.75, ex div., sellers]
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	115 p. ct. prem. =
China & Japan, only	£4	£1, buyers
Do. deferred	£1	£5 5s.
Natl. Bank of China		
B. Shares	£8	\$26.
Four. Shares	£8	\$26.
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	£1	nominal
Campbell, Moore & Co.	\$10	\$16
China Prov. L. & M.	\$10	\$9.40, buyers
China Sugar	\$100	\$133, buyers
Cotton Mills—		
Ewo	Tls. 100	Tls. 60.
International	Tls. 100	Tls. 73.
Laou Kung Mow	Tls. 100	Tls. 70.
Soychee	Tls. 500	Tls. 400.
Yahleong	Tls. 100	Tls. 55.
Hongkong	\$100	\$37.
Dairy Farm	\$6	\$6, buyers
Fenwick & Co., Geo.	\$25	\$52, buyers
Green Island Cement	\$10	\$28, sales & sellers
H. & C. Bakery	\$50	\$25.
Hongkong & C. Gas	£10	\$127.
Hongkong Electric	\$10	\$12, buyers
H. H. L. Tramways	\$100	\$2.15, buyers
Hongkong Hotel	\$50	\$126, sellers
Hongkong Ice	\$25	\$167, buyers
H. & K. Wharf & G.	\$50	\$87, sellers
Hongkong Rope	\$50	\$350, buyers
H. & W. Dock	\$125	\$145 % pm. =
Insurance—		[\$306.25 sellers]
Canton	\$50	\$130.
China Fire	\$20	\$89, sales & sellers.
China Traders	\$25	\$56.
Hongkong Fire	\$50	\$30, sales & sellers
North-China	\$25	Tls. 180.
Straits	\$20	\$11, sellers
Union	\$50	\$235, sellers
Yangtze	\$60	\$125, buyers
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land Inv.	\$50	\$122, buyers
Humphreys Estate	\$10	\$9, ex div.
Kowloon Land & B.	\$30	\$26, sellers
West Point Building	\$50	\$43.
Luzon Sugar	\$100	\$46.
Mining—		
Charbonnages	Fcs 250	\$350 [Shares]
Gr. Estn. & O'donian	\$1	90 cts., sellers, New
Do. Preference	\$1	10 cts., sellers
Jeleh	\$1	\$13.10, sales
Queen's Mines Ltd.	25c.	40 cts., sellers
Olivers Mines, A.	\$5	\$1, buyers
Do. B.	\$4	\$4.90, buyers
Punjum	\$6	\$6.10, buyers
Do. Preference	\$1	\$1.43, buyers
Raubs	15s. 10d.	\$63, sellers
New Amoy Dock	\$6 1/2	\$20, sellers
Steamship Coys.—		
China and Manila	\$50	\$100, buyers
China Mutual Pref.	£10	£10.10, buyers
China Ordinary	£10	£10.10, buyers
Do.	£5	£5, 5s., buyers
Douglas Steamship	\$50	\$49, sellers
H. Canton and M.	\$15	\$29, sellers
Indo-China S. N.	£10	\$87, sales & buys.
Shell Transport and Trading Co.	£100	£250, buyers
Star Ferry	\$7 1/2	\$19, sellers
Tebrau Planting Co.	\$5	\$5, sellers
Do.	\$3	\$3.
United Asbestos	\$2	\$5, sales
Do.	\$10	\$10, nominal
Wanchai Warehouse	\$37 1/2	\$44, buyers
Watkins, Ltd.	\$10	\$11, buyers
Watson & Co., A. S.	\$10	\$17, sellers

J. Y. V. VERNON, Broker.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

For LONDON.—Teenhai (str.), Parramatta (str.), Clyde (str.), Sarpedon (str.).
 For MARSEILLES.—Indus (str.), Cathay (str.), Parramatta (str.).
 For LIVERPOOL Direct.—Nestor (str.).
 For BREMAN.—Bayern (str.).
 For BORDEAUX, HAVRE AND HAMBURG.—Alesia (str.).
 For HAVRE AND HAMBURG.—Saxonia (str.), Sarcoid (str.), Heidelberg (str.).
 For VICTORIA, B.C., VIA SHANGHAI.—Eojun Maru (str.).
 For VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI.—Empress of Japan (str.).
 For SAN FRANCISCO.—Algoa (str.), Doric (str.), Hong Kong Maru (str.).
 For SAN DIEGO.—Belgian King (str.).
 For NEW YORK.—Morren (str.), St. Regulus (str.), Astoria (str.).

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES SINCE LAST MAIL.

HONGKONG.

February—

ARRIVALS.

16, Taksang, British str., from Bangkok.
 16, Hermes, Norwegian str., from Saigon.
 16, Loyal, German str., from Moji.
 16, Pyrrhus, British str., from Amoy.
 17, Bormida, Italian str., from Singapore.
 17, Denbighshire, British str., from London.
 17, Nanyang, German str., from Saigon.
 17, Coromandel, British str., from Bombay.
 17, Apsurade, German str., from Saigon.
 17, Queen Eleanor, British str., from Amoy.
 17, Wingsang, British str., from Shanghai.
 18, Haitan, British str., from Coast Ports.
 18, J. Diederichsen, Ger. str., from Haiphong.
 18, Lyeemoon, German str., from Shanghai.
 18, Nurnberg, German str., from Hamburg.
 18, Shini Maru, Japanese str., from Moji.
 18, Stentor, British str., from Shanghai.
 18, Pigmy, British gunboat, from Nagasaki.
 18, Hue, French str., from Haiphong.
 18, Annam, Danish str., from Shanghai.
 19, Aurora, British cruiser, from Manila.
 19, Fushun, Chinese str., from Shanghai.
 19, Hong Leong, British str., from Singapore.
 19, Loongsang, British str., from Manila.
 19, Peiyang, German str., from Saigon.
 19, Queen Adelaide, British str., from Tacoma.
 20, Oldenburg, German str., from Shanghai.
 20, Kasuga Maru, Jap. str., from Yokohama.
 20, Chowfa, British str., from Bangkok.
 20, Hailoong, British str., from Swatow.
 20, Esmeralda, British str., from Manila.
 20, Sabine Rickmers, Brit. str., from Bangkok.
 20, Orestes, British str., from Liverpool.
 20, Kachidate Maru, Jap. str., from K'otzu.
 20, Canton, British str., from Yokohama.
 20, Chunsang, British str., from Hongay.
 20, Devawongse, British str., from Bangkok.
 20, Zenta, Austrian cruiser, from Whampoa.
 20, Berlin, American ship, from New York.
 21, Kersaint, French g-bt., from Haiphong.
 21, Babelsberg, German str., from Moji.
 21, Futami Maru, Jap. str., from Australia.
 21, Kwang Ping, Chinese str., from Shanghai.
 21, Loksang, British str., from Bangkok.
 21, Nanchang, British str., from Hongay.
 21, Phra C. Kiao, Brit. str., from Bangkok.
 21, Telena, British str., from Moji.
 21, Wakasa Maru, Jap. str., from Yokohama.
 21, Tamsui Maru, Japanese str., from Amoy.
 21, Deuterios, German str., from Saigon.
 22, Tategami Maru, Japanese str., from Moji.
 22, Swatow, German steamer, from Haiphong.
 22, Sullberg, German str., from Sourabaya.
 22, Stuttgart, German str., from Bremen.
 22, Sishan, British steamer, from Saigon.
 22, Hermione, British cr., from Singapore.
 22, Hating, French steamer, from Haiphong.
 22, Haimun, British steamer, from Tamsui.
 22, Dagmar, German str., from Swatow.
 22, Baku Standard, Brit. str., from Shanghai.
 22, Lyeemoon, German str., from Canton.
 22, Wingsang, British str., from Canton.
 22, China, American str., from San Francisco.
 22, Machew, British str., from Bangkok.
 23, E. Rickmers, Ger. str., from Hamburg.
 23, Haiching, British str., from Coast Ports.
 23, Pascal, French cruiser, from North.
 23, Kutsang, British str., from Java.
 23, Catherine Apcar, Brit. str., from Calcutta.

February—

DEPARTURES.

16, Taicheong, German str., for Hongay.
 17, Bengal, British str., for Europe.
 17, Clara, German str., for Hoibow.
 17, Formosa, British str., for Swatow.
 17, Natuna, Danish str., for Yokohama.
 17, Bellerophon, British str., for Amoy.
 17, Phraung, British str., for Bangkok.
 17, Loongmoon, German str., for Shanghai.
 17, Ancona, British str., for Kobe.
 17, Choysang, British str., for Swatow.
 17, Diamante, British str., for Manila.
 17, Pyrrhus, British str., for London.
 17, Hating, French str., for Hoibow.
 18, Hanoi, French str., for Hoibow.
 18, Thales, British str., for Swatow.
 18, Coromandel, British str., for Shanghai.
 18, Maidzuru Maru, Japanese str., for Swatow.
 18, Oopack, British str., for Shanghai.
 18, Emma Luyken, German str., for Shanghai.
 19, Rohilla, British str., for Yokohama.
 19, Fushun, Chinese str., for Canton.

19, Lyeemoon, German str., for Canton.
 20, Himsang, British str., for Saigon.
 20, Kweiyang, British str., for Mailla.
 20, Guthrie, British str., for Sydney.
 20, Kumsang, British str., for Calcutta.
 20, Auping, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
 20, Annam, Danish str., for Singapore.
 20, Razbonik, Russian cruiser, for Manila.
 20, Oldenburg, German str., for Europe.
 21, Hue, French str., for Hoibow.
 21, Ha tan, British str., for Swatow.
 21, Nurnberg, German str., for Shanghai.
 21, Stentor, British str., for London.
 21, Hong Leong, British str., for Amoy.
 21, Atagomi Maru, Japanese str., for Moji.
 21, Benvorlich, British str., for Rangoon.
 21, J. Diederichsen, Ger. str., for Haiphong.
 21, Apsurade, German str., for Hoibow.
 21, Queen Eleanor, British str., for New York.
 21, Oreste, British str., for Shanghai.
 21, Glenturret, British str., for Shanghai.
 21, Benlawers, British str., for Saigon.
 22, Macduff, British str., for Saigon.
 22, Hailoong, British str., for Swatow.
 22, Bormida, Italian str., for Bombay.
 22, Girin, Russian str., for Nagasaki.
 22, Kachidate Maru, Jap. str., for K'otzu.
 22, Taksang, British str., for Bangkok.
 22, Esmeralda, British str., for Manila.
 22, Babelsberg, German str., for Macasar.
 22, Mongkut, British str., for Bangkok.
 23, Denbighshire, British str., for Nagasaki.
 23, Kong Beng, British str., for Swatow.
 23, Yedo Maru, Japanese str., for Chefoo.
 23, Nanyang, German str., for Saigon.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVED.

Per *Coromandel*, for Hongkong, from London, Mrs and Miss Varcoe and 2 children, Mr Cole; from Marseilles, Mr and Mrs Ardizzone, Messrs Morrison and Sargeant; from Penang, Dr. Edgar and native servant; from Singapore, Messrs Wong Hoo Chung, E. H. Stuart, C. H. Hasson, T. Iyemaga and E. Dalieto; for Shanghai, from London, Mr and Mrs Taylor; from Marseilles, Messrs Robertson, Fearon, Barnaby, Wohlebler, S. F. Carleson, Patterson, Urquhart, Hugall, Mrs Taylors and Mrs Forest's 2 amahs, Messrs S. F. Holland and W. H. Holland, Colonel and Mrs McRobin, Messrs Stone and E. W. Arnold; from Singapore, Mr W. N. Skey; for Yokohama, from Marseilles, via Shanghai, Mr Pettican; for Yokohama, from London, Messrs P. Elliot and W. H. Wilson; from Marseilles, Miss Ross and Miss James; from Bombay, Mr. Mrs and Master Bullard, 2 children and 1 infant; from Colombo, Mr and Mrs Perry; from Penang, Mr Stephens.

Per *Annam*, from Shanghai, Capt. Andersen, Lieut. and Mrs. Reinhardt and Mrs. Arnesen Bentzen.

Per *Loongsang*, from Manila, Messrs. R. W. Everest, C. S. Price, Marquez, Mrs. Hawthurst, Messrs. F. McCarrow, A. R. Rucker and Louis Celaya.

Per *Kasuga Maru*, from Yokohama, Mr. B. T. Kawarsly, Lieut. M. Pileher, Mr. Breen, Lieut. R. C. Davis and Mr. Ewert.

Per *Devawongse*, from Bangkok, &c., Mr. G. B. Allen.

Per *Hailoong*, from Swatow, Capt. Farrow Messrs. Gilling and Martin.

Per *Esmeralda*, from Manila, Messrs. R. H. Baker, Jones, J. L. Sample and J. Mullhausen.

Per *Canton*, from Kobe, for Hongkong, Mr. F. Green; from Shanghai, for London, Miss Dolly Welch, Master Harvie Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Miss and Masters Anderson (3).

Per *Oldenburg*, for Hongkong, from Nagasaki, Messrs Prinz A. Czartoryski, Kita Kanavata, Yoshi Ohiya Mitsu Hamamatus, May Hing, C. A. Welch; from Kobe, Mr. M. P. Crairy; from Shanghai, Mr and Mrs Grim, Mr J. Huidekoper, Mr and Mrs Mayer, Messrs David Brud, G. Hantos, Geo. A. Derby, Mrs Bellar, Mr H. S. Cooke, Mr and Mrs Booth, Capt. Watson, Messrs Montgomery, A. K. Rhoden, C. Wittmuss, Mrs Olivera and child, Messrs H. Rogers and P. O'Donnell; for Colombo, from Shanghai, Mr and Mrs F. W. Horne; for Naples, from Nagasaki, Mr Oberst von Kolossofsky; for Genoa, from Yokohama, Mr V. Worms; from Kobe, Mr R. A. de Mauchy; from Shanghai, Mr Baasch and Captain von Pieverling; for Bremen, from Shanghai, Messrs A. Bjornstad, H. Syvertson, Otto Krauss and

J. B. Baher; for London, from Yokohama, Miss Ellis and Mrs G. D. Lys, Messrs A. F. King, Professor Foxwell and Andre de Meurs; from Nagasaki, Mr and Mrs R. M. Smith and family; from Shanghai, Capt. Vardin, Miss Alice Johnston and Mr J. C. Thomson.

Per *Wakasa Maru*, from Japan, Mr. Morning and Madame Blanco.

Per *Futami Maru*, from Australia, &c., for Hongkong, Dr. G. E. Morrison, Mr J. Plaw, Mr and Mrs F. J. Balfour, Messrs H. A. P. Genge, G. F. S. Genge, Carl Brandt, Mr and Mrs W. A. Filton and 2 children, Mr A. Villermar, Mrs Casal, Mrs F. P. Ossoris and 1 child, Mr. H. P. Lewis, Mrs L. de Hildalgo and 7 children, Mr C. A. Carr, Mrs H. Moses, Miss L. Moses, Miss E. Moses, Mr and Mrs Peter Jo Yee and 3 children, Messrs McArthur, Jose P. Calicbay, N. Enoni and S. M. Berger; for Yokohama, Mr. A. Marks, Miss B. Cooper, Mrs A. H. Fifield, Mr F. Espenhahn, Mr and Mrs F. J. Sale, Messrs H. Mackenzie Finlayson, Asakura, W. B. Taylor, B. F. Jaldwin, Miss C. D. Chubb, Justice Chubb, Mrs Chubb and Mr Blum; for Kobe, Mrs Osada, Messrs Raman de Lergen and Anderson.

Per *Deuterios*, from Saigon, Messrs. Johanna, Lassen and Germann.

Per *Stuttgart*, from Hamburg, &c., Messrs. Koebels and Weillsh, Mrs. Riley, Miss Gibson, Mrs. Caulfield, Mrs. Mueller, Mrs. Stiefer, Miss Gibson Craig and Mrs. Cumming.

Per *China*, from San Francisco, &c., Miss L. R. Anderson, Miss Brainbridge, Miss M. A. Cody, Mr E. E. Earman, Mrs G. R. Guthrie, Mrs A. F. Galvin, Mr A. L. Key, Miss N. Lindholm, Miss A. Lindholm, Mr G. A. Main, Mrs A. Norton, Mr and Mrs S. C. Peonles, Messrs H. M. Richards, S. Swope, Geo. E. Wolf, Miss J. Wisner, Messrs V. Vassoliet and J. Auerbach, Mr and Mrs W. H. Cawthra, Rev. L. P. Davidson, Mr and Mrs G. A. Franco, Mr J. C. Graves, Mr and Mrs E. L. Gaylord, Mr and Mrs O. W. Lindholm, Miss H. Lindholm, Miss Lebman, Mrs C. Moots, Mr K. E. Pollock, Mrs M. Rettig and child, Mr E. Ralphs, Mr J. H. Threw, Mrs H. K. White, Mr F. de Villahermosa and Dr. Tom Foo Yuen.

DEPARTED.

Per *Bengal*, from Koke, for London, Mrs A. L. Rock; from Nagasaki, for Port Said, Mr Alexandroff; from Shanghai, for Singapore, Dr. Eden Paul; for Colombo, Messrs E. Brown and L. S. Biddulph; for London, Miss Ashby; from Hongkong, for Singapore, Messrs Lo Ju Sai, Yan Wai In and So Mui Hin; for Colombo, Messrs L. E. Johnston and A. G. Robinson; for Bombay, Mr S. C. Khan; for Suez, Mr A. Blom; for Brindisi, Messrs N. J. Biese, Jos. Maresh, G. J. Blatter, E. F. van Hootegan, C. M. B. Schenkolberg, P. Hohenadel, Mr and Mrs W. M. Fortescue; for London, Messrs A. and F. Tregillus and P. S. King, Mrs Lang and family.

Per *Diamante*, for Manila, Mrs. J. B. Pascol, Messrs. J. G. Cantillo, G. Sands, C. Orea, Miss Callagh and Mr. Baldwin.

Per *Rohilla*, from Hongkong, for Yokohama, Mr. R. Gordan Smith.

Per *Coromandel*, from Hongkong, for Shanghai, Mrs. Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Holliday and Mr. J. Steiner.

Per *Diamante*, for Manila, Mrs. J. B. Pascol, Miss Callaghan, Messrs. J. G. Cantillo, G. Sands, C. Orea and Baldwin.

Per *Oldenburg*, from Japan, for Naples, Major-General and Mrs. von Kolossofsky; for Genoa, Messrs P. Worms and R. A. de Mauchy; for London, Mr and Mrs R. M. Smith, Mrs G. D. Lys, Miss Ellis, Messrs. A. F. King, A. de Meius and Prof. Foxwell; from Shanghai, for Colombo, Mr and Mrs Horne; for Genoa, Mr Bantch and Capt. von Pieverling; for London, Capt. Vardin, Miss A. Johnston and Mr J. C. Thomson; for Bremen, Messrs M. Bjornstad, H. Lyvertson, O. Krauss and J. H. Baur; from Hongkong, for Singapore, Mr and Mrs Ipman, Mrs Paushi, Messrs E. H. Ondaillo and J. Roberts; for Colombo, Mr and Mrs W. T. Church and Kuar; for Penang, Mr G. D. Musso; for Port Said, Mrs. L. Harvey and Mrs. L. V. S. Ames; for Genoa, Mr. K. Oehlschlager and Rev. Rhein and family; for London, Messrs R. S. McDougall and H. J. Heinager; for Southampton, Mr H. Holmes; for Antwerp, Mr. F. Sickinger.

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